



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND CURRICULUM STUDIES

APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION

EMP 820: FOUNDATIONS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 8/8/2019

TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE and any other THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY, 20 MARKS)

- a) Explain psychological considerations to make in choosing learning experiences (6 Marks)
- b) Education is a powerful tool of promoting national unity in Kenya. Discuss (10 Marks)
- c) Describe the stages of motor development in children from year one to year eight (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Developing thinking capacity among learners is an important area of concern of the curriculum developer. With relevant examples explain the foundations of critical thinking (8 Marks)
- b) Describe the approaches involved in creative thinking skills (12 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the ideas presented by Eric Erickson on child growth and development (10 Marks)
- b) Explain how curriculum developers can utilize Jean Piaget's theories to develop the school curriculum (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain how you can use Bloom's taxonomy to develop standardized test items (12 Marks)
- b) Describe John Dewey's theory on cognitive or inquiry process (1938) that curriculum developers can adopt to promote classroom learning (8 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the place of Learning Theories of the 21st Century in the planning and development of a school curriculum (10 Marks)
- b) Describe how teachers can apply Humanistic Theories of learning to ensure that learners benefit to the maximum from the instructional process? (10 Marks)