



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

SECOND YEAR SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

ECE 221: PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question **ONE (1)** and Any Other **TWO (2)** Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Giving appropriate examples, define the term temperament (3 marks)
- b) Explain four (4) characteristics of personality (8 marks)
- c) Give at two (2) assumptions of each of the following theoretical perspectives of personality development:
 - i. Behavioural theories
 - ii. Psychoanalytic theory
 - iii. Biological theories (6 marks)
- d) Explain how being an only girl among a family of boys may determine the development of the personality of a child (3 marks)
- e) Heredity sets the **parameters** or outer **limits**, but, an individual's full potential will be determined by environmental factors. With the use of examples, discuss this statement (6 marks)
- f) Giving an appropriate example, explain the concept of situational influence on manifestation of personality (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) What is fixation in personality development? (2 marks)
- b) Explain at least one personality characteristic associated with fixation or stagnation in each of the first three stages of **Freud's** theory of personality development (6 marks)

- c) Explain how maladaptive personality behaviours in a young child may be accounted for by the following theories of personality:
- a) Classical conditioning
 - b) Psychoanalytic
 - c) The cognitive approach
 - d) Social learning theory
- (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **two (2)** strengths and **two (2)** weaknesses of the following theories of personality development:
- i. Freud's Psychoanalytic theory
 - ii. Erik Erikson's Psychosocial theory
- (8 marks)
- b) Explain the three (3) basic categories of traits suggested by Gordon Allport (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the conceptualization of abnormal personality behaviour according to the following points of view:
- i. Statistical deviation
 - ii. Medical
 - iii. Social norm violation
- (6 marks)
- b) What do you understand by the term personality assessment? (2 marks)
- c) Briefly explain the following methods of personality assessment:
- i. Observation
 - ii. Interviews
 - iii. Questionnaires
- (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) What are the basic assumptions about motivated behavior according to Abraham Maslow? (6 marks)
- b) Explain the five levels of needs proposed by Maslow that may account for the behaviors manifested by individuals from time to time (10 marks)
- c) Explain two (2) shortcomings of Maslow's theory of motivated behavior (4 marks)