



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY & SNE

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION)

ESN 218: AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

DATE: 16/12/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One and Any Other Two

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain five general reasons why communication is important. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of effective communication in teaching learners with expressive communication disorders. (10 marks)
- c) Identify five reasons why persons with intellectual disabilities require the use of Augmentative & Alternative Communication. (AAC). (5 marks)
- d) Discuss five benefits of AAC for persons with Dementia. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss seven factors affecting the use of AAC. (14 marks)
- b) Describe three myths associated with the use of AAC and show how research refutes these myths. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five factors that can lead to abandonment by the AAC user. (15 marks)
- b) Suggest five ways of reducing abandonment. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Outline four reasons why communication is important for learners with disabilities (4 marks)
- b) Discuss eight principles of communication. (16 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine three forms of human territory in proxemics. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss seven factors to consider during the selection of an AAC system. (14 marks)