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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

EFN 0102: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Date: SCHOOLBASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE

- i) Explain the meaning of the term philosophy? (2 marks)
- ii) Explain the meaning of the term education (2 marks)
- iii) Explain why a teacher should study philosophy of education? (8 marks)
- iv) Explain the four branches of philosophy (8 marks)
- v) Distinguish inductive from deductive reasoning (2 marks)
- vi) What is knowledge according to the following philosophies; idealist, realist, pragmatist and existentialism? (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- i) Differentiate between philosophies and theories of education (6 marks)
- ii) Explain three contemporary educational implications of Descartes' thinking. (6 marks)
- iii) Explain four educational implications of using pragmatic view, as a class room teacher (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- i) Explain four sources of knowledge (8 marks)
- ii) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses inherent in both Athenian and Spartan education systems . (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- i) By use of relevant examples explain the three main activities of philosophy. (10 marks)
- ii) Identify two educational implications for each of the following educational theories (10 marks)
 - Progressivism
 - perennialism
 - Essentialism
 - Social reconstructionism
 - Critical theory

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the relationship between philosophy of teaching and teaching styles. (10 marks)
- b) The scope of philosophy of education is unlimited, critically evaluate this statement (10 marks)