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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

EPS 100: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) Distinguish between the following pairs of terms.
 - i. Independent and dependent variable (2 marks)
 - ii. Absolute threshold and difference threshold (2 marks)
 - iii. Neurosis and psychosis (2 marks)
 - b) Describe need reduction theory of motivation (4 marks)
 - c) Explain ANY THREE of the following laws of form perception (6 marks)
 - iv. Law of figure and ground
 - v. Law of continuity
 - vi. Law of similarity
 - vii. Law of closure
 - viii. Law of proximity
 - d) Explain four disadvantages of observation method of research (8 marks)
 - e) Identify three (3) reasons why psychology is a science. (6 marks)
2.
 - a) Distinguish between sensation and perception (4 marks)
 - b) Using appropriate examples describe five factors that may influence human perception. (10 marks)
 - c) Explain three types of perceptual constancies citing relevant examples. (6 marks)

3. a) Define the term learning (2 marks)
- b) Explain the following principles of classical conditioning (10 marks)
- i. Stimulus generalization
 - ii. Stimulus discrimination
 - iii. Extinction
 - iv. Spontaneous recovery
 - v. Reinforcement
- c) Describe four branches of psychology (8 marks)
4. a) Define motivation and illustrate its cycle (4 marks)
- b) Describe two biological theory of motivation (6 marks)
- c) Discuss educational implication of Maslow's hierarchy of needs in the leaning process (10 marks)
5. a) Distinguish between frustrations and conflicts (4 marks)
- b) Citing relevant examples explain four types of psychological conflicts (8 marks)
- c) Describe four types of anxiety disorders citing relevant examples (8 marks)