



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2024/2025 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY & ECE
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ECE)

ECE 313 - INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

DATE: 14TH JANUARY, 2025

TIME: 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms
 - i. Dramatic play (2 Marks)
 - ii. Exploratory play (2 Marks)
 - iii. Constructive play (2 Marks)
- b) State six characteristics of play for young children. (6 Marks)
- c) Play and work differ in different aspects. Identify four key aspects that distinguish play from work. (8 Marks)
- d) Describe five components of play environment/ground for young children. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) State five general objectives of children's play and briefly explain how each objective is achieved. (10 Marks)
- b) Justify the importance of play in the following aspects of growth and development.
 - i) Language development (4 Marks)
 - ii) Social development (4 Marks)
 - iii) Cognitive development (4 Marks)
 - iv) Emotional development (4 Marks)
 - v) Physical development (4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) A psychologist Mildred Parten (1932) studied the patterns of social play among young children. Describe five patterns of play. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the first five stages of content play development. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five factors to consider when developing games for young children. (10 Marks)
- b) Integrate play with art and craft activities by stating activities that Pre-school children can be involved in during Art and Craft. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Outline and briefly describe factors to consider when selecting and improvising play materials for young children. (10 Marks)
- b) As children play, they often have accidents. Evaluate five common accidents that may occur as children play and in each state how you evade such accident. (10 Marks)