



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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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 (EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

ECE 203 LANGUAGE FOR ECE

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in language (5 marks)
 - i. Communication
 - ii. Gestures
 - iii. Listening
 - iv. Autism
 - v. Dyslexia
- b) Highlight any three functions of language according to Halliday (1973) (3 marks)
- c) List two components of language (2 marks)
- d) Identify any four characteristics of child Direct speech according to pine (1994) (4 marks)
- e) Explain how a pre-school teacher can use language Acquisition support system theory by Brunner to enhance language development of children. (5 marks)
- f) State three factors that influence reading (3 marks)
- g) Highlight any three advantages of first language to a child (3 marks)

- h) Explain how a caregiver can enhance language development for a 3- year old child. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how parents can enhance reading and writing skills at home (10 marks)
- b) With relevant examples, discuss the importance of first language in early childhood development (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the stages of language development in early childhood (10 marks)
- b) i) Explain any two ways in which family can influence early literacy in children (4 marks)
- ii) Highlight six ways of enhancing early writing skills in children (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Language development is a product of culture. Discuss (10 marks)
- b) As a pre-school teacher, explain how you can promote oral language skills in infants (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) What do you understand by zone of proximal development by Vygotsky (2 marks)
- b) What are the implications of the above theory in language development
- c) Explain how language is useful to children (10 marks)