



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2024/2025 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY & ECE

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA
IN EDUCATION (PGDE)

EFN721: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

DATE: 18TH JANUARY, 2025

TIME: 9.00 AM – 12.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** (*Compulsory*) and *any other TWO* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) COMPULSORY

- a) Define **three** branches of philosophy. (6 marks)
- b) Explain four characteristics of technical philosophy. (8 marks)
- c) Explain **five** objectives of philosophy of education. (10 marks)
- d) Discuss the **three** conditions employed by R.S. Peters to define the concept “education” (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain five features that differentiate these two philosophies in school curriculum:
‘knowledge is *a priori* and knowledge is *posteriori*’ (10 marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, discuss how education can be a force for social reconstruction. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **five** reasons why dialogue ought to be emphasized in the theory and practice of education in Kenya. (10 marks)

- b) Explain **five methods** of philosophical research that are relevant to teaching and learning processes in Kenyan schools. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **five** educational Implications of idealism in education. (10 marks)
- b) Basing your thinking on emerging issues in education theory and practice, discuss **five** reasons for the importance of Metaphysics to a classroom teacher in kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Using relevant examples in Kenya, Identify **three methods** of teaching under pragmatism philosophy. (10 marks)
- b) Explain **five** philosophical **challenges** in the implementations of the competency based learning curriculum in kenya. (10 marks)