



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD)

ECE101: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: 2/3/2021

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between the following pairs of terms. (12 marks)
- i. Independent and dependent variable
 - ii. Absolute threshold and difference threshold
 - iii. Neurosis and psychos
 - iv. Sensation and perception
- b) Explain ANY FOUR of the following laws of form perception (12 marks)
- i. Law of figure and ground
 - ii. Law of continuity
 - iii. Law of similarity
 - iv. Law of closure
 - v. Law of proximity
- c) Explain three disadvantages of observation method of research (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using appropriate examples elaborate four schedules of intermittent reinforcement (8 marks)
- b) Explain what you can do to make reinforcement effective in the classroom (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- 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)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define motivation and illustrate its cycle (4 marks)
- b) Describe two biological theories of motivation (6 marks)
- c) Discuss educational implication of Maslow's hierarchy of needs in the leaning process (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Citing relevant examples explain four types of psychological conflicts (8 marks)
- b) Explain any six uses IQ tests (12 marks)