



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2022/2023 academic year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PSYCHOLOGY)

EPS 911: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question **ONE (1)** and Any Other **TWO (2)** in the answer booklet provided.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Citing appropriate and relevant examples, explain two (2) basic assumptions of each of the following theoretical perspectives of development:
- i. Vygotsky's Sociocultural Theory
 - ii. Cross-cultural perspectives
 - iii. Eclectic perspectives (6 marks)
- b) Citing relevant examples, explain language development during the adolescence stage (4 marks)
- c) Compare and contrast the Longitudinal and Cross-sectional methods of studying human development (6 marks)
- d) Briefly discuss the following issues of contention in developmental psychology:
- i. Continuity versus discontinuity
 - ii. Cultural universals versus cultural relativism (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) With the use of appropriate examples, explain the cognitive limitations of a child during Piaget's preoperational stage of cognitive development. (4 marks)
- b) Citing appropriate examples, explain the cognitive milestones realized by children during Piaget's concrete operations stage of cognitive development (4 marks)
- c) Evaluate Piaget's theory of cognitive development from a cross-cultural point of view (7 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a) Explain the factors that influence moral development (6 marks)
- b) From a cross-cultural point of view, examine Kohlberg's theory of moral development (9 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the assumptions of Freud's Psychoanalytic theory of personality development (8 marks)
- b) Explain some of the factors that make the process of identity formation one of the most challenging tasks of the adolescent stage in modern technological societies. (7 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

- a) Explain gender differences in physical development that may be witnessed during the adolescent stage of development (8 marks)
- b) The adolescence and early adulthood periods are considered to be the most health stages of development, yet the most vulnerable. Citing some of the major health risks, discuss this statement (7 marks)