



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 311: SOCIAL STUDIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DATE: 13TH JANUARY, 2025

TIME: 8.30 AM – 10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define and illustrate the following terms and phrases
 - i) Social studies (6 marks)
 - ii) Community (6 marks)
 - iii) Life skills (6 marks)
 - iv) Schemes of work (6 marks)
- b) Highlight any four methods you can use to inculcate values to pre-school children. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe briefly any six roles of social studies for children. (6 marks)
- b) Give any six sub-strands you can teach under the strand “Community”. (6 marks)
- c) Explain briefly the four functions of a school. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain five factors contributing to erosion of values in Kenya today. (5 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of values to children. (5 marks)
- c) Describe the roles of a teacher and parents in the socialization of children. (5 marks)
- d) Define socialization and explain the importance of socializing a child. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Citing the advantages and disadvantages discuss the five methods of teaching social studies to young children.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Analyze the life skills that you can use to help children overcome challenges in education and in life.