



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2024/2025 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY & ECE
FIRST YEARS FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR MASTER DEGREE IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ECE 801: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 17TH JANUARY, 2025
PM

TIME: 9.00 AM – 12.00

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify four (4) developmental milestones for children between birth and eighteen Month. (4mks)
- b) Explain the main points of Brofenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory. (6mks)
- c) Identify six (6) differences in language development between boys and girls. (6mks)
- d) Describe two (2) categories of the Rights of the child. (4mks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss how nutrition affects children's development. (10mks)
- b) Evaluate how stimulation affects the child's development. (10mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the main ethical issues to be observed when carrying out a research with children. (10mks)
- b) Describe five challenges that researchers face as they carry out research on children. (10mks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe five (5) cultural differences in child rearing practices. (10mks)
- b) Examine effect of child rearing practices in children's development in Africa. (10mks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the efforts that Kenya has put in place to ensure that children are growing and developing well.