



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 CHILD EDUCATION

ECE 802: FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 17TH JANUARY, 2025

TIME: 1.00 PM – 4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify **six (6)** characteristics of a healthy family systems. (6mks)
- b) Describe **three (3)** characteristics of traditional African family structure. (6mks)
- c) Explain **three (3)** importance of active listening in families. (6mks)
- d) Explain **three (3)** socio-economic impact of HIV/AIDS on Widows. (6mks)
- e) Describe the three (3) main parenting styles. (6mks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **five (5)** the impacts of social changes on the family in Kenya today. (10mks)
- b) Suggest **five (5)** interventions that can be applied to deal with the negative effects of divorce on the children. (10mks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how the following family systems have affected the traditional family dynamics

- a) Employment of Mothers (5mks)
- b) Absent Fathers (5mks)
- c) Same-sex families (5mks)
- d) Cohabitation (5mks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the effects of the following demographic trends affecting families in Africa

- a) Urbanization (5mks)
- b) Poverty (5mks)
- c) Aging (5mks)
- d) Migration (5mks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss Cultural Ethnocentrism theory of cultural development. (10mks)
- b) Evaluate the relevance of the theory named in (a) to studies of family, community, culture and child development. (10mks)