MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT & CURRICULUM STUDIES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN EDUCATION

EMP 825: SCHOOL CURRICULUM

DATE: 17TH JANUARY, 2025 **TIME: 2.00 PM – 5.00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS:
*Answer question **ONE (Compulsory)** and **any other THREE** questions*

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (15 Mks)

a) Discuss any THREE important roles that the psychology screen plays in the selection of educational objectives. (3 Mks)

b) Explain FIVE principles that guide the organization of content and learning experiences (5 Mks)

c) Describe any SEVEN issues that pose a challenge in the provision of secondary school education in Kenya today. (7 Mks)

QUESTION TWO (15 Mks)

a) Explain THREE reasons for consideration of the society as a source of curriculum objectives. (6 Mks)

b) Explain NINE opportunities that secondary school education should provide to the learner. (9 Mks)

QUESTION THREE (15 Mks)

a) As a curriculum developer, explain FIVE themes that would guide you to select content. (5 Mks)

b) Discuss the SIX elements of the affective domain as proposed by Benjamin Bloom (1956) to prove that this is an important domain in curriculum delivery in learning. (6 Mks)

c) Explain FOUR ways that modern pedagogy has benefitted from Lev Vygotsky's (1934) sociocultural theory of cognitive development. (4 Mks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 Mks)

a) Discuss SIX significances of Criterion-referenced Assessment (CRA) in the evaluation of learning. (6 Mks)

b) "Teacher-related issues have continued to be a challenge in the provision of education in Kenya". By the use of relevant examples, explain FIVE issues related to teachers that have affected the provision of education in Kenyan schools today. (5 Mks)

c) Discuss FOUR negative effects of technology to children's learning as identified by Urie Bronfenbrenner (1979). (4 Mks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 Mks)

a) One of the early educators who has contributed to the development of the primary school curriculum is Johann Pestalozzi (1746 -1827). Discuss his FIVE main contributions to curriculum development for young children. (5 Mks)

b) By the use of relevant examples, explain FIVE reasons why Computer Studies has not been successfully taught in Kenya. (5 Mks)

c) Justify with FIVE reasons, the inclusion of humanities in the school curriculum in Kenya Today. (5 Mks)