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ECE 121: PHILOSOPHICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION (30 MARKS)

QUESTION ONE:

(a) Define the following terms.

- i) Philosophy
- ii) Foundations
- iii) Sociology
- iv) Culture **(8 marks)**

(b) Briefly describe Kenya's philosophy of education. (6 marks)

(c) Compare and contrast the characteristics of pragmatist and naturalist views of a curriculum. (6 marks)

(d) Explain briefly any four branches of sociology. (4 marks)

(e) Describe briefly any four national values which form the foundations of our nation. **(6 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS BELOW: (40 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO:

Using examples, describe the **five branches** of philosophy in relation to early childhood education. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE:

Describe the contributions of the following philosophers to the field of early childhood education. **(20 marks)**

- i) Fredrick Froebel.
- ii) Maria Montessori.
- iii) Johann Pestalozzi.
- iv) Jean Rousseau.

QUESTION FOUR:

Discuss five agents of socialization of children in your society. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE:

Discuss the importance of a culturally relevant education. **(20 marks)**