



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations For 2023/2024 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE, ARTS,SNE & AGED)

EPS200: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) COMPULSORY

- a) Explain the differences between the following terms as used in developmental psychology
- a. Mitosis and Meiosis
 - b. Sensation and perception
 - c. Nature and nurture
 - d. Growth and development
 - e. Regression and Repression (10 marks)
- Explain five factors that may affect physical and motor development in the development of children (10 marks)
- b) Citing examples, explain five reasons to show that language structure is based on innate biological characteristics in human beings (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five limitations that a teacher would encounter when carrying out research on children using naturalistic observation (10marks)
- b) Explain five maternal characteristics that affect child development during the prenatal stage of development (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **three** similarities and **two (2)** differences between Kohlberg's and Piaget's theories of moral development (10 Marks).
- b) Describe five types of play in the early years of life and their benefits to various aspects of child development. 10 marks

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Using relevant examples, describe five factors that affect moral development (10marks)
- b) Discuss five signals that indicate that a secondary school student may be using psychoactive drugs? (10marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

- a) Explain **three** strengths and **two** weaknesses of each of the following theories of personality development: (10 Marks)
 - i) Freud's Psychoanalytic theory
 - ii) Erik Erikson's Psychosocial theory
- b) (i) Explain the meaning of prenatal development (1mark)
 - ii) Describe two features of development during each stage of prenatal development (9marks)