

ECDE 0131

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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN (ECDE)

ECDE 0131: PRINCIPLES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND  
EDUCATION

STREAMS: DIP (ECDE) Y1S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 7/12/2017

8.30 A.M - 10.30 A.M.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other THREE Questions.
- Do not write anything on the question paper

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

- (a) Highlight five reasons why children were highly valued in the African Traditional Society. [5 Marks]
- (b) State and explain five aspects of development that shows children as being different from adults. [5 Marks]
- (c) Citing relevant examples, explain the following terms;
- (i) Empiricism [2 Marks]
  - (ii) Nativism [2 Marks]
  - (iii) Interactionism [1 Mark]
- (d) Highlight the key principles about how young children learn as identified by each of the following early childhood developmentalists and philosophers:-
- (i) John Locke -
  - (ii) Jean Piaget -
  - (iii) John Dewey -
  - (iv) John Pestalozzi -
  - (v) Jerome Bruner - [5 Marks]
- (e) ECDE in Kenya is eclectic and based on various philosophers across the board. Highlight five philosophies borrowed from the philosophers that are evident in our Kenyan ECDE Curriculum. [5 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

Discuss the five main principles identified by Dr. Maria Montessori in her Montessori method of teaching young children. [15 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

(a) Highlight six principles of early childhood education that are evident in an effective early years school set up. [12 Marks]

(b) Briefly explain the three main contexts that explain how a child is viewed. [3 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss seven key contributions to ECDE curriculum development as highlighted by Jean Piaget in his theory of cognitive development. [15 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

(a) Explain how you can apply the Social Cultural Constructivist Theory by Lev Vygotsky in teaching and learning in an ECDE classroom. [10 Marks]

(b) Highlight five key contributions of Friedrich Froebel in ECDE. [5 Marks]

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