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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
IN ECDE**

ECDE 131: PRINCIPLES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

STREAMS: B.ED (ECDE) Y1S1 SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 07/08/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer questions **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
- Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Explain the meaning of the following terms
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| (i) Child | (2 marks) |
| (ii) Principle | (2 marks) |
| (iii) Early childhood development and education. | (2 marks) |
- (b) Highlight three reasons why childhood should be protected and provided for according to early philosophers and educators. (3 marks)
- (c) Describe four general guiding principles in early childhood. (8 marks)
- (d) Explain the following modes of learning according to Jean Piaget.
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| (i) Assimilation. | (2 marks) |
| (ii) Accommodation | (2 marks) |
| (iii) Equilibration | (2 marks) |
- (e) Outline two legal documents on the rights of the child. (2 marks)

- (f) Analyze five reasons why children were highly valued in African Traditional society. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Discuss the following views on the growth and development of a child.
- (i) Empiricism view (6 marks)
 - (ii) Nativist view (6 marks)
 - (iii) Interactionist view (6 marks)
- (b) Highlight two principles of Jean Piaget to early childhood development and education. (2 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Describe five characteristics of Maria Montessori's programs. (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the following according to Froebel's curriculum for young children.
- (i) Gifts (2 marks)
 - (ii) Occupations (2 marks)
- (c) Discuss the three stages of learning in ECDE according to Jerome Bruner. (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the meaning of the following concepts as used by Vygotsky in his attempt to explain how children learn.
- (i) Zone of proximal development (2 marks)
 - (ii) Lower limit (2 marks)
 - (iii) Upper limit (2 marks)
 - (iv) Scaffolding (2 marks)
- (b) Discuss six contributions of Lev Vygotsky to Early Childhood education. (12 marks)
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