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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

ECDE 343: PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

STREAMS: ECDE (Y3S2)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 08/08/2025

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question One and any other Two in this Paper**
- **Do not Write Anything on this Question Paper**

QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)

- 1(a) Define the term personality and explain its significance in the development of young children. (10 marks)
- (b) Describe the influence of three biological and two genetic factors on personality development in early childhood. (10 marks)
- (c) Discuss five common personality challenges among children in ECDE and suggest appropriate interventions for each. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 Marks)

2. (a) Explain Freud's psychoanalytical theory and show how it can be applied to understand children's behavior in ECDE settings. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss Erikson's psychosocial stages of development with reference to how they relate to early childhood personality formation. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 Marks)

3(a) Describe three parenting styles and explain how each may influence the development of a child's personality. (10 marks)

(b) Examine the role of education, culture and social environment in shaping personality during the early years of life. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 Marks)

4. (a) Describe five common defense mechanisms observed in early childhood and explain their psychological function. (10 marks)

(b) Explain five methods used in personality assessment in ECDE and state the advantage of each. (10 marks)

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