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CAMPUS: ONLINE

DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: COU 4343

COURSE TITLE: CHILD DEVELOPMENT

EXAM DATE: 11TH DEC. 2020

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TIME: 6.00-9.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- This Exam has TWO SECTIONS.
- **SECTION A** is Compulsory.
- Answer any **THREE** questions in **SECTION B**

SECTION A : COMPULSORY (10 MARKS)

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss any one reflex behaviour of a neonate. (2 Marks)
- b) Describe one difference between nature and nurture. (2 Marks)
- c) Describe one way that affect the learning skills of children in early cognitive development. (2 Marks)
- d) Explain two positive and two negative outcomes of the following stages in Psychosocial Development Theory: i) Initiative vs Guilt ii) Industry vs. Inferiority (4 Marks)

SECTION B : ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain the term schema and outline how young children use it to construct their understanding of the world. (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss any two developmental research that is guided by scientific methods in studying and understanding children. (4 Marks)
- c) Analyze two core concepts of social learning in propositions about the process of learning according to Bandura. (4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain how the exosystem directly affects the development of children. (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss the effects of two childhood disorders on early childhood development. (4 Marks)
- c) Analyze any two physical hazards between ages 3 and 10 years that make it difficult for children's wholistical development. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Illustrate two ways that Lev Vygotsky used his concept of the zone of proximal development to explain how children's learning is supported. (4 Marks)
- b) Describe two theories that supports the view that there is continuity in development and the other that supports the view that there is discontinuity in development. In your description, address what in particular each theory makes it fall within the continuity or discontinuity viewpoint. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- d) Using one example, discuss the Christian perspective of child conception. (2 Marks)
- e) Explain any two styles of parenting and how they affect the development of children. (4 Marks)
- f) Discuss the relationship between the three components of personality and their influence on personality according to Sigmund Freud. (4 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a) Explain one way to build self-esteem in children in stressful environments. (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss any two ways in which play contributes to social development. (4 marks)
- c) Evaluate the argument for or against special classes for gifted children. (4 Marks)