



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTIONAL BASED EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

PSY/MED/506: GROUP DYNAMICS

DATE: Wednesday 28th April, 2010

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS

*The paper has five questions.
Attempt any THREE questions.*

Question one

- a) Define the concept group and give reasons why people form groups. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss the effect group membership may have on individual members behaviour taking into account the following issues:
- i) Social facilitation
 - ii) Social loafing
 - iii) De-individuation
 - iv) Group think
- In each case provide examples drawn from the school setting. [18 marks]

Question two

- a) “Intragroup storms are natural and unavoidable aspect of group life”. Explain the logic in this statement. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss the course intra group conflict takes drawing examples from a group known to you. [18 marks]

Question three

- a) Give a comprehensive definition of the term leader. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss Fielder's contingency model of leadership showing how it can be applied to school leadership. [18 marks]

Question four

- a) Discuss the development of group structure focusing on the following aspects:
 - i) Role-development
 - ii) Norm development
 - iii) Inter-member relations [18 marks]
- b) What is a sociogram? [5 marks]

Question five

- a) "People join groups voluntarily". Discuss reasons why individuals join groups using the following theories.
 - i) The psychodynamic theory
 - ii) Socio biological theory
 - iii) Interpersonal approach [18 marks]
- b) Explain the concept socio-comparison from Stanley Schachter's perspective. [5 marks]

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