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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

PSY/MED/510: THEORIES OF LEARNING

DATE: THURSDAY, 30TH DECEMBER 2010

TIME: 9.00 A.M – 12.NOON

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

1.
 - a) Examine two functions of a theory. [4 marks]
 - b) Most definitions of learning stress that learning involves a relatively **permanent change** in behaviour resulting from **reinforced practice**. With reference to the classroom situation discuss the significance of the underlined terms. [14 marks]
 - c) Using relevant example, explain the following terms as applied in learning.
 - i) Cognitive map
 - ii) Latent learning
 - iii) Retroactive inhibition
 - iv) Premack's principle [12 marks]
 - d) What is the role of practice in learning? Is it true that practice makes perfect? [5 marks]
2. Learning is a function of a number of connections learned. Discuss this in relation to Thorndike's Theory of Learning. [20 marks]
3. Discuss the factors that contribute to the effectiveness of Classical Conditioning in Learning. [20 marks]
4.
 - a) Describe the process of learning according to Information processing model. [12 marks]
 - b) Recommend four methods that a teacher would use to enhance learning. [8 marks]