KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2009/2010

INSTITUTIONAL BASED EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

PSY/MED/511: THEORIES OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DATE: Friday 30th April, 2010 **TIME:** 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE and any other Two questions.

1. (a) Identify four characteristics of a good theory. [4 marks]

   (b) Describe the following regarding the nature of man:

   (i) Platonic view

   (ii) Hobbes Utopia [10 marks]

   (c) Using Freudian theory, explain the causes of maladaptive behaviour in children. [6 marks]

   (d) Describe five basic assumptions of Robert Sears theory on how children learn. [10 marks]

2. Select either Piaget or Kohlberg's theory and critique it pointing out its relevance and limitations in the Kenyan Society. Support your answer by citing appropriate studies. [20 marks]

3. Explain the main points of Konrand Lorenz and John Bowlby Ethological theories and describe how they relate to the child development. [20 marks]

4. "The child is the father of man". Discuss this in relation to Ericksons theory of child development. [20 marks]

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