



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011
FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF
PHILOSOPHY

PSY/PHD/802: EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2010

TIME: 9.00 A.M. 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question 1 and any two other questions.

1.
 - (a) What is the nature and scope of Educational psychology? (5 marks)
 - (b) Is Educational psychology a branch of Psychology or Education? Explain. (5 marks)
 - (c) A teacher who does not know anything about Educational Psychology is “an educational idiot”. Explain. (5 marks)
 - (d) You can lead a horse to the water but you cannot force it (horse) to drink. True or False? Explain. (5 marks)
 - (e) Wiper is a cattle rustler. His son, Kamuti, is also a cattle rustler. Can it be concluded that Kamuti inherited this cattle rustling behaviour from his father, Wiper? Explain. (5 marks)
 - (f) Ole Sungura obtained 0% in his Geography test. Does this 0% reflect zero learning? Explain. (5 marks)
2.
 - (a) How does life begin
 - (b) Briefly discuss five prenatal factors which possibly influence the development of the foetus, and then indicate the role of heredity in human development. (10 marks)
3. What are defence mechanisms? Give examples of five defence mechanisms and the purpose these defence mechanisms serve. (10 marks)
4. What role do parents play in the academic achievement of their children? (10 marks)
5. What are the qualities of a good or effective teacher? Are teachers born or made? Explain. (10 marks)