



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

ESN 021: INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

DATE: Wednesday, 7th February 2018

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer all questions in section one and two questions in section two.

Section One (30 marks)

1. (a) Explain: "special needs education" (2 marks)
(b) State **four** services that special needs educators may provide to learners with special needs and their families. (4 marks)
2. State **two** causes of learning disabilities. (2 marks)
3. Distinguish between:
(a) Learners with speech impairments and those with language impairments. (2 marks)
(b) Learners who have physical impairments and those with health impairments. (2 marks)
(c) Learners who are gifted and those who are talented. (2 marks)
4. Explain **two** effects that an intellectual impairment has on learning. (4 marks)
5. Explain **two** conditions that must be met in order for a child to be identified as having an emotional and behavioural disorder. (4 marks)
6. Describe **two** types of child abuse. (4 marks)
7. State **four** types of child labour that children in Kenya often engage in. (4 marks)

Section Two (40 marks)

8. "Learners with autism have six characteristics." Elaborate on this statement. (20 marks)
9. Based on the knowledge that you have gained in ESN 021, discuss **six** ways of reducing the incidences of disabilities in society. (20 marks)
10. Disability impacts families in several ways. Explain **six** of these. (20 marks)
11. Discuss **six** factors that contribute to drug and substance abuse in Kenya. (20 marks)