



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION)

ESN/P 302: AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

DATE: Friday, 26th November, 2010

TIME: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Question **ONE** is Compulsory. Answer any **TWO** questions from Section Two.

SECTION 1 (30 Marks)

1. What is augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and why is it important (4 marks)
2. Explain what aided versus unaided forms of communication are. (4 marks)
3. Describe any five categories of persons who needs AAC (5 marks)
4. Explain the categories of AAC strategies (4 marks)
5. According to Kangas and Liyod (1998) there are three areas for consideration in the AAC process. Explain each of the processes. (9 marks)
6. AAC devices offers major types of selection options. Describe them (4 marks)

SECTION II (40 Marks)

7. AAC benefits people with significant communication disabilities by improving the quality of their lives in various ways. Describe any five of the ways. (20 marks)
8. Describe the importance of AAC history for those with significant disabilities (20 marks)
9. Describe the basic access methods for using AAC devices (20 marks)
10. Discuss the most basic principles of augmentative and alternative communication to keep in mind when considering this type of intervention. (20 marks)