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INSTITUTE OF OPEN LEARNING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES)

ECD 011: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: Friday 11th January 2008

TIME: 8.00 – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION A: SHORT ANSWERS (30 marks)

1. Answer ALL questions
2. Each question carries five marks.
1. Briefly define the following concepts.
 - (i) Psychology (2 marks)
 - (ii) Theory (3 marks)
2. (a) List down three sub-fields of psychology. (3 marks)
(b) Briefly provide two roles of theory (2 marks)
3. (a) What do you understand by the following concepts as used in methods of psychological sciences. (2 marks)
(b) Name two tools used in the survey method. (2 marks)
4. (a) Briefly explain what is meant by nurture and nature in human development. (2 marks)
(b) In few words explain why individual differences must be considered when teaching class. (3 marks)
5. (a) Define the term learning. (2 marks)
(b) Write down three theories of learning known to you. (3 marks)

6. (a) There is no general agreement on a standard definition of the term “intelligence.” Briefly explain why. (3 marks)
- (b) Name two types of intelligence tests known to you. (2 marks)

SECTION B:

Long answers (40 marks)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Attempt any TWO questions.
 2. Each question carries (20 marks)
7. (a) Explain how the use of Piaget’s theory of concrete operational stage plays a very important role in the teaching of pre-school children. Provide four examples in your explanations. (12 marks)
- (b) With reference to conditional learning explain what the following concepts mean:
- (i) Extinction
 - (ii) Stimulus generalization (8 marks)
8. (a) Using four examples explain how you would use B.F. Skinner’s experiment of operant conditioning in teaching pre-school children. (12 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between growth and development of a child. (8 marks)
9. (a) From Abraham Maslow’s first two hierarchy of needs explain how the knowledge of the same would help in providing holistic development of a child.
- (b) Give four ways in which sublimation defence mechanism would prepare ECD learners for their future profession. (8 marks)
- 10 (a) Use Albert Bandura’s theory of observational learning to provide four reasons why parents and teachers of ECD children must conduct themselves well to bring up disciplined children. (16 marks)
- (b) Define the following terms.
- (i) Defence mechanism
 - (ii) Sublimation defence mechanism (4 marks)