



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME (IBP) – DECEMBER SESSION

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

(EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

ECE 414: RESEARCH IN CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

DATE: Thursday, 3rd May, 2012

TIME: 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **ALL** questions in Section A and choose any **TWO** from Section B.

Section A: Short answer questions 30 marks.

1. Explain four reasons why parents should be the primary decision makers for children to participate in research. (6 marks)
2. Briefly describe three ethical principles that govern research with human subjects. (6 marks)
3. Explain three reasons why you would recommend the descriptive research design for researchers in social science. (6 marks)
4. Describe three disadvantages of using an observational study. (6 marks)
5. Describe six reasons why it is important for a researcher to understand data analysis procedures. (6 marks)

Section B: Answer **TWO** questions only (40 marks)

6. You have been asked to study drug abuse among students in Nyamakima ECD College. Describe a research design you will employ in this study, stating its advantages and disadvantages. (20 marks)
7. You have been asked to teach research methods to diploma students in early childhood. Describe the main course elements of a research proposal and report writing that you will take them through. (20 marks)
8. You have been asked to prepare an ethically valid research consent document. What five components would you incorporate in this document? (20 marks)
9. Write an essay on cohort study. (20 marks)