



**KENYATTA UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011**

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF  
EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)**

**ECE 502: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**TIME: 2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND CHOOSE TWO OTHER  
QUESTIONS TO ANSWER**

1. Different communities have varying child rearing practices. Discuss at least five culture specific child rearing practices and the positive and negative effects these have on children's development (30 marks).
2. You have been asked to give a lecture to a class of Early Childhood Education undergraduate students on ethical and practical issues related to child study. Discuss the issues you would talk about (20 marks).
3. "Children in Africa do not have any rights". While using relevant examples drawn from the contemporary Kenyan society, discuss this statement (20 marks).
4. Some researchers have argued that there are factors which influence gender differences in development. Write a detailed essay in which you discuss the reasons behind these researchers' arguments (20 marks).
5. Your neighbour has just given birth to a baby boy and she asks you to explain to her the major milestones in children's development. Discuss the issues you would highlight in your conversation with her (20 marks).