



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

PSY/MED/501: CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DATE: THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2011

TIME: 9.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other Two questions.

1. Various research methods are used in child study.
 - a) With examples, discuss the applicability of the following methods:
 - (i) Experimental
 - (ii) Cross-sectional
 - (iii) Longitudinal

(12 marks)
 - (b) Explain why the first five years in a child are considered as the most crucial for cognitive development. (8 marks)
 - (c) Make five recommendations to a mother who has a premature infant to foster cognitive development. (10 marks)
2.
 - (a) Development is determined by heredity. Discuss. (10 marks)
 - (b) Give five recommendations that you would make to minimize teratogenic effects on prenatal development of Kenyan infants. (10 marks)

3. “Children must be given an opportunity to be useful members of the society and develop individual abilities”. Discuss. (20 marks)
4. (a) Describe how the following agents of socialization affect children’s relationships:
(i) Peer group
(ii) Parent (10 marks)
- (b) Make five recommendations supported with theoretical evidence to teachers in order to deal with isolated children. (10 marks)
