



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015

DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

(EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES)

ECE 011/041: INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: Thursday, 18th December, 2014

TIME: 8 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION A:

Answer **ALL** questions (30 marks)

1. Briefly describe the following:

- i) Id
- ii) Ego
- iii) Super ego

(6 marks)

2. Differentiate the following terms as relates to early childhood:

- i) Growth and development
- ii) Nature and nurture

(6 marks)

3. Explain briefly any three defense mechanisms people use to explain their weaknesses.

(6 marks)

4. Outline any four steps followed in the study of psychology. (6 marks)
5. Explain any four importance of classical and operant conditioning to early childhood teaching and learning. (6 marks)

SECTION B:

Answer any **TWO** questions (40 marks).

6. Discuss the four stages of Piaget's cognitive development in children. (20 marks)
7. Describe the five methods of studying psychological problems. (20 marks)
8. Discuss the five levels of Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs. (20 marks)
9. There are various sub-fields of psychology. Describe any five of these sub-fields. (20 marks)