



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 301: HUMAN LEARNING

DATE: 13/8/2021

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terminologies as used in human learning. (10 marks)
- i) Retrieval
 - ii) Recognition
 - iii) Memory
 - iv) Repression
 - v) Recall
- b) Citing relevant examples, differentiate between prosocial and antisocial behaviour. (4 marks)
- c) Learning is the “Key Process” in human behaviour; it pervades everything people do and think. Qualify this statement with valid explanations. (10 marks)
- d) Contrast two different types of memory. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Appraise four different types of meaningful learning according to Ausubel 1968. (12 marks)
- b) Analyse how parents may effectively use punishment to mould behaviour. (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Justify the need for the study of psychology of learning. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss the implications of remembering and forgetting to classroom situation. (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) “Learning depends on maturation and motivation”. Appraise the role of maturation and motivation in human learning. (12 marks)
- b) Appraise two factors resident in the teacher that may influence or hinder learning. (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) “...the disuse of a mental function weakens it, and as the amount of weakening increases, the longer the lack of exercise”. Discuss this statement in line with Thorndike’s Exercise Theory of Remembering and Forgetting. (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate five arguments against the use of punishment. (10 marks)