



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY / ECE

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ECE 121: PHILOSOPHICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY  
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DATE: 25/8/2022

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms.
  - i. Philosophy
  - ii. Foundations
  - iii. Sociology
  - iv. Culture (8 marks)
- b) Briefly describe Kenya's philosophy of education. (6 marks)
- c) Compare and contrast the characteristics of pragmatist and naturalist views of a curriculum. (6 marks)
- d) Explain briefly any four branches of sociology. (4 marks)
- e) Describe briefly any four national values which form the foundations of our nation. (6 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using examples, describe the **five branches** of philosophy in relation to early childhood education.

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Describe the contributions of the following philosophers to the field of early childhood education.

- a) Fredrick Froebel.
- b) Maria Montessori.
- c) Johann Pestallozi.
- d) Jean Rousseau.

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss five agents of socialization of children in your society.

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the importance of a culturally relevant education