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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD

ECE 201: GENERAL METHODS OF TEACHING CHILDREN

Date: 4/8/2016

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided
2. SECTION A is compulsory
3. Answer any other TWO questions from section B

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30MARKS)

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify five national goals of education in Kenya and show how a teacher can ensure their attainment in pre-school. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the importance of play in early childhood development. (10 marks)
- c) Discuss five implications of the basic theoretical principles of learning to the teaching/learning process in pre-school. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss five factors that may cause a child not to perform well in pre-school. (10 marks)
- b) Suggest five techniques that a pre-school teacher can use to motivate and sustain pre-school children interest in learning. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Outline five advantages and five disadvantages of thematic/integrated learning approaches. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss ten examples of themes in thematic teaching and show what each theme entails. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss ten characteristics of child centered approaches to teaching in early childhood development. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the role of the teacher in child centered approach. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe five records prepared and kept by the pre-school teacher. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the importance of pre-school classroom management and administration. (10 marks)