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DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD

ECE 203: LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Date: 4/8/2016

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided
2. SECTION A is compulsory

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (30MARKS)

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the following terms related to language development in children.
- i) Language
 - ii) Communication
 - iii) Lexicon
 - iv) Symbol
 - v) Gesture (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five reasons why language is important for children. (10 marks)
- c) Suggest ten ways in which parents can create a literary environment at home to help children's reading and writing development. (10 marks)

SECTION B (ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS)

QUESTION TWO

Make ten suggestions for teachers /caregivers that can be used to promote early reading in children. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

An infant who is not responded to appropriately is likely to become discouraged and is less likely to make sounds. Discuss ten ways that can be used to promote the infants sound making and subsequent first words. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Describe five steps that care givers can take to promote 1-3 year olds oral language development. (10 marks)
- b) Suggest possible measures that caregivers can take to ensure development of oral language among children aged 3-6 years. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Parents and caregivers can help children acquire early writing skills.

Examine ten ways through which parents can help children. (20 marks)