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MASINDE MULIRO OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

MAIN EXAM

FOR

THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

(EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

COURSE CODE: ECD 201

COURSE TITLE: LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN ECDE

DATE: 6TH DEC. 2023

TIME: 3:00 – 5:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observe ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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1. (a) What is language? (5mks)
 - (b) Explain how human language differs from any other form of communication (5mks)
 - (c) Theories of language acquisition and learning have had a profound ground effect on the practice of t/l. basing your answer on language theories; illustrate how children acquire language (7mks)
 - (d) List down the productive and receptive skills of language (4mks)
2. (a) Illustrate the problems that learners in the early childhood face in the speaking of English and show how teacher would help the learners overcome those challenges (8mks)
 - (b) Explain why Kenya should continue to use English as a medium of instruction (8mks)
 - (c) Briefly define the following terms (4mks)
 - i. Phonemes
 - ii. Lexicons
3. (a) Discuss the major challenges a teacher of English in ECD would encounter in teaching of English (10mks)
 - (b) Describe the stages of language acquisition brief relevant explanation of the theory (10mks)
4. (a) (i) Briefly explain the 4 skills of language leaving (4mks)
 - (ii) Explain by illustration what is meant by multilingualism (6mks)
 - (b) Explain what may hinder a child from acquiring language properly in early childhood (10mks)
5. (a) What is media? (5mks)
 - (b) Explain the influence of media on children's language acquisition (10mks)
 - (c) State any 5 materials used in teaching language (5mks)