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BSCH Y2SII BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

BDS 4104: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date DEC 2016

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** Question(s). Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Question one

- a. Define the following terms as used in Developmental Psychology
 - i. Zygote (2mks)
 - ii. Mechanismic changes (2mks)
 - iii. Sequential research (2mks)
 - iv. Personality (2mks)
- b. Citing relevant examples, distinguish between the following terms
 - i. Mitosis and Meiosis (4mks)
 - ii. Gross motor skills and fine motor skills (4mks)
- c. Using relevant examples, briefly describe how human growth and development is a continuous process. (4mks)
- d. Explain major concerns of Developmental Psychologists with reference to developmental theories. (6mks)
- e. Briefly explain why it is harmful for a parent to compare one child with another. (4mks)

Question two

- a. Critically analyze psychosocial theory of development. (12mks)
- b. Describe areas in contemporary society where the theory in a) above can be applicable. (8mks)

Question three

- a. Citing relevant examples, discuss types of developmental research. (12mks)
- b. Illustrate how developmental research can be used today. (8mks)

Question four

- a. "Early childhood experiences play a role in personality development and continue to influence behavior later in life". Substantiate with reference to psychosexual theory. (10mks)
- b. Describe the relevance of a) above to contemporary society. (10mks)

Question five

- a. Using relevant examples, describe the child's abilities at Piaget's concrete operations stage. (10mks)
- b. Organize relevant entertainment activities for the age group in a) with justifications for your choice. (10mks)