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BSC (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY
PLU 4301: CHILD PSYCHOLOGY- LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER
DURATION: 03 HOURS

DATE: 15.03.2023

TIME: 1.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.

SECTION 2: ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

Choose four (04) out of the six (06) questions given below and answer using the provided answer sheets.

2.1

- a) According to Vygotsky's Socio-Cultural Theory of Cognitive Development, briefly explain two (02) factors that are responsible for developing higher-order cognitive tasks.
(5 marks)
- b) Briefly describe two (02) types of speech explained by Vygotsky. (5 marks)
- c) Describe the zone of proximal development' explained by Vygotsky.(5 marks)

2.2.

- a) According to Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development, explain the crisis in the following stages.
 - i) Preschool age
 - ii) School age (5 marks)
- b) According to Sigmund Freud's Psychodynamic Perspective, there are five stages of development. Briefly explain the changes in the following stages.
 - i) Phallic stage
 - ii) Latent stage (5 marks)
- c) Describe the following concepts explained by Jean Piaget in his theory of cognitive development.
 - i) Schema
 - ii) Equilibrium (5 marks)

2.3 There are three (03) stages of pre-natal development.

- a) Describe the changes in the following stages.
 - i) The Germinal period (5 marks)
 - ii) The Embryonic Period (5 marks)
- b) Motor development is another important aspect of child development. Briefly explain the following reflexes.
 - i) Survival reflexes
 - ii) Primitive reflexes (5 marks)

2.4 Several factors contribute to social and emotional development during infancy.

- a) Describe 'temperament.' (5 marks)
- b) List the four (04) phases in attachment development. (4 marks)
- c) Explain two (02) of them. (6 marks)

2.5 Friendships help children develop important life skills. According to Gottman and Parker (1989), friendships in childhood serve six (06) functions.

- a) List the six (06) functions. (6 marks)
- b) Explain two (02) of them. (4 marks)
- c) Briefly explain the impact of the changes in the family setting on children's socio-emotional development. Give an example. (5 marks)

2.6. Children are being exposed to maltreatment which causes actual or potential harm to their health and wellbeing.

- a) List the four (04) types of child maltreatment stated by World Health Organization. (4 marks)
- b) Briefly explain two (02) of them. (6 marks)
- c) Suggest two (02) protective factors that help prevent child abuse. (5 marks)

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