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2024/2025 – SEMESTER I – FINAL EXAMINATION



BSC (HONS) IN PSYCHOLOGY
PLU4301 – CHILD PSYCHOLOGY – LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER
DURATION: 03 HOURS

DATE: 23RD APRIL 2025

TIME: 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM

SECTION 2: STRUCTURED ESSAY QUESTIONS (60 MARKS)

Choose 04 out of the 06 questions given below and answer using the provided answer sheets.

2.1

- a) Describe the two (2) types of motor skills in children with examples. (6 marks)
- b) Briefly explain the following reflexes:
- i. Rooting reflex
 - ii. Moro reflex
 - iii. Tonic neck reflex

(9 marks)

2.2

- a) Differentiate between the child's growth and development. (5 marks)
- b) List the four (4) stages of cognitive development proposed by Jean Piaget and explain the key developmental changes that occur in two (2) of them. (10 marks)

2.3

- a) List three (3) stages of prenatal development. (3 Marks)
- b) Describe the changes that occur in two (2) of the stages you listed. (4 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain four (4) psychosocial factors that influence prenatal development. (8 Marks)

2.4

- a) Describe the characteristics of the following children according to their birth order: (5 marks)
- b) Briefly explain the impact of the following parenting styles on child development:
- i. Authoritative parenting style
 - ii. Permissive parenting style

(10 Marks)

2.5

- a) Briefly describe the impact of nutrition on the following areas of child development.
- i. Cognitive development
 - ii. Physical development
- (6 Marks)*
- b) Explain three (3) strategies to promote healthy feeding practices among children.
- (9 Marks)*

2.6

- a) Define socialization. *(3 marks)*
- b) Name three (3) socialization agents and explain their role in child socialization.
- (12 marks)*

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