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COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING

COURSE CODE: EDU 321

CREDIT UNIT(s): 2

TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question no. one (1) and any other two (2) questions.

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Question 1

- a. Illustrate using three points, Thorndikes's Law of Effect as it relates to learning using reward conditions rather than conditions of punishment **(12 marks)**
- b. What is the role of 'Reinforcement' in Bandura's theory of observational learning? **(6 marks)**
- c. Discuss the four basic processes which must be present for observed behavior to be imitated. **(12 marks)**

(Total marks Q1 = 30 marks)

Question 2

- a. As a student teacher you are asked to explain to your fellow course mates about the theory of identical elements. Discuss any 4 points you would highlight on **(12 marks)**
- b. What are its implications for classroom teaching? **(8 marks)**

(Total marks Q2 = 20 marks)

Question 3

Briefly explain the following concepts: **(5 marks for each concept)**

- a. Theory of mental faculties
- b. Negative transfer
- c. Zero transfer
- d. Reinforcement:

(Total marks Q3 = 20 marks)

Question 4

- 4a. If an individual fails to remember what they have learnt, it means they have forgotten. With reference to Interference theory of forgetting, discuss two reasons why people forget what they have learnt. **(10 marks)**
- b. Distinguish between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation **(10 marks)**

(Total marks Q4 = 20 marks)