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**FACULTY OF EDUCATION**  
**2025\_1 EXAMINATION...**

**Programme:** Early Childhood Education

**Course Code:** ECE313

**Course Title:** Theories and Practice of Early Childhood Education

**Credit Unit:** 2 Units

**Time Allowed:** 2 Hours

**Instruction:** Answer Question (1: COMPULSORY) and any other two questions = (FIVE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER THREE)

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**QUESTIONS**

- 1a. Briefly describe five (5) socio-emotional development of the child at toddlerhood stage. (10 marks)
- 1b. Explain with examples the meaning of mental retardation. (10 marks)
- 1c. List five (5) causes of speech impairment. (10 marks)

**QUESTION 2:**

- a. Identify five (5) examples of childhood behaviour difficulties. (5 marks)
- b. What is visual impairment? List five causes of visual impairment. (15 marks)

**QUESTION 3:**

- 3a. Define hearing impairment and the range. (10 mark)
- b. Identify five (5) Signs or symptoms of hearing impairment. (10 marks)

**QUESTION 4:**

- 4a. Describe two types of speech impairment. (10 marks)
- 4b. Describe five (5) important children's behaviours that mark language development at the preschool stage. (10 marks)

**QUESTION 5:**

- 5 a. Explain the meaning of childhood and the phases. (10 marks)
- 5 b. State five reasons why early childhood education is important? (10 marks)  
(20 marks in all)