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Faculty of Education
2025_1 EXAMINATION

PROGRAMME: PRIMARY EDUCATION & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
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.

Question 1

- a. As a student teacher you are asked to present a talk during your school's Parent-Teachers Association meeting on the negative effects of corporal punishment on students. Discuss any five points you would highlight in your speech **(20 marks)**
- a. Mention three theories of motivation that focus on the biological needs and drives that influence human behavior **(6 marks)**
- b. Define the concept of learning from a psychological point of view **(4 marks)**

(Total marks Q1 = 30 marks)

Question 2

- a. Six weeks after getting a new phone number, you cannot remember your old number. With reference to interference theory of forgetting, give two reasons to explain what you are experiencing **(12 marks)**
- b. For each of the following cases, determine whether it is an example of operant conditioning or classical conditioning **(8 marks)**
 - i. When a toddler goes to the bathroom to ease herself, she gets a piece of cake
 - ii. When a rabbit learns to jump at the sound of the door opening
 - iii. When a student asks a question, he gets a thumbs up
 - iv. When a child gets beaten by certain teachers and begins to associate painful experiences with school

(Total marks Q2 = 20 marks)

Question 3

Insight learning is said to depend on a number of factors. Briefly describe any five of the factors **(20 marks)**

(Total marks Q3 = 20 marks)

Question 4

- a. Briefly explain the concept of "learned helplessness" in humans, giving at least one example. **(12 marks)**
- b. Bruner believes that children come into the world equipped with a natural curiosity to learn and a will to know. As a student teacher explain four ways by which you can nurture a child's curiosity in school **(8 marks)**

(Total marks Q4 = 20 marks)

Question 5

“A student comes to school hungry and lives in a neighborhood with high crime rates”. Using Maslow’s hierarchy of needs as a framework, answer questions i-iii (**20 marks**)

- i. Which of the levels in the hierarchy of needs is the student experiencing?
- ii. Explain how this experience might affect the student’s learning?
- iii. Explain the possible effect this experience might have on the student’s ability to progress to higher-level needs?

(Total marks Q5 = 20 marks)