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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE : EDF 630

TITLE OF PAPER : PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONALITY  
DEVELOPMENT

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER  
TWO QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE.

TOTAL MARKS 100

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE**

**Question 1: Compulsory**

(a) Critically discuss four principles of development showing how knowledge of each it's important for classroom practitioners.

[30 marks]

(b) Show the extent to which the principles you have cited are applicable to children in Swaziland and indicate areas where contentious issues may arise.

[10 marks]

**Total: 40 marks**

**Question 2**

Indicate the theorist whose theory or tenet of the theory is described in each statement. Each theorist may be cited once or more.

List A

Theorist

1. Erikson
2. Eysenck
3. Freud
4. Kelley
5. Piaget
6. Sheldon
7. Skinner

List B

- a) According to this theory a person typical of this personality type is a quiet, retiring sort, fond of books rather than people.
- b) Personality develops in stages from birth till death.
- c) Whatever personality a person exhibits, reveals ones natural pre-disposition and there is nothing that can be done about it.
- d) People are constantly learning and modifying whatever the have learnt through new experiences.
- e) We show certain personality traits because we learnt them.

- f) We spend our lives trying to control our desire for pleasure
- g) People are scientists; they predict and control their future using previous experiences as yardsticks.
- h) The physique determines the type of personality one exhibits.
- i) Biological adaptations influence intelligence
- j) The environment influences the behavior of the child.
- k) The theory is based on the research done only with males.
- l) Reaching integrity means that when an elderly person looks back on his life, he/she feels satisfied that it was well spent.
- m) The theory is based on testing mentally ill patients by asking them to talk about their past experiences.

**Total 30 marks**

### **Question 3**

- a) Focusing your response on adolescents of ages 12-21 years, explain and show how the search for identity is or can be a major pre-occupation of this age group.  
(15 marks)
- b) Citing any three of Erikson's psychosocial stages of personality development show how the search for identity is central to this theory.  
(15 marks)

**Total 30 marks**

### **Question 4**

- (a) Explain the term defense mechanism.  
(5 marks)
- (b) Using clear examples from teaching and learning, examine any five defense mechanisms that learners can employ as safeguards to their personality.  
(25 marks)

**Total 30 marks**