



**SCHOOL OF HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING
PSY-211 A & T: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
END OF MAY 2018 SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

Instructions:

Questions ONE is **Compulsory**. Answer any other TWO questions from the choices provided.
Time: 2 hours

1. Your friend has an elderly parent who is frail and not able to take care of herself. They are considering institutional care as an option. They have approached you to help them analyze the pros and cons of institutionalized care.
 - a) Explain 3 negative implications for sending elderly persons to a nursing home.
(6 marks)
 - b) Describe 2 positive implications for sending elderly persons to a nursing home.
(4 marks)
 - c) Highlight 3 changes in cognitive development that such elderly people go through.
(6 marks)
 - d) Using Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development, explain ego integrity versus despair stage.
(4 marks)
2. The board of directors of an early childhood education facility that you are associated with has recommended that the school playground be done away with and instead used to put up more classrooms to accommodate more children in the school.
 - a) Explain to them six important reasons of play in the pre-school child.
(12 marks)
 - b) Discuss the importance of private speech in children.
(8 marks)
3. (a) "The ability to accept death and to work through one's grief over the death of others is crucial if life is to be lived to the fullest". You have been invited to educate a group of old ladies taking care of their patients with terminal illnesses. Basing your lesson on the

statement above, describe FIVE emotional stages that such patients may go through in confronting their impending death.

(10 marks)

(b) Explain FIVE Factors that influence one's reaction to death.

(10 marks)

4. (a) Critically examine the role of heredity and environment in human development.

(8 marks)

(b) Discuss four prenatal risk factors that can interfere with the process of prenatal development.

(12 marks)

5. Outline five strengths and five weaknesses of theories listed below.

(a) Freud's Theory of psychosexual development

(10 marks)

(b) Erikson's Theory of psychosocial development

(10 marks)