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TIME : 3 HOURS

SUBJECT : DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Marks : 100

This paper consists of four pages including the cover page.

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the special instructions for each question.
2. Question 1: Answer either question 1.1 or 1.2
3. Question 2: Answer either question 2.1 or 2.2
4. Question 3: Answer either question 3.1 or 3.2

QUESTION ONE

Please answer **ONE** of the questions

1.1 *“Discussions about families often treats the family as a universal, common and unchanging structure without reference to cultural or historical specificity” (Burman, 2008, p.106). “Family constitutions and the role a family plays have changed significantly in a western society over time.”*

Discuss these statements with specific reference to the following aspects:

- Provide a definition of what a family is (5)
- Compare traditional Western constituted families to African family constitutions (8)
- Discuss how certain gender roles are supported in a traditional view of a family. (10)
- What should a psychologist be aware of when working with a family? (7)

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OR

1.2.

“An increase in adolescent pregnancies seems to be a problem particularly among black teenagers in South Africa”

- Discuss the above statement by focusing on the reasons that lead some unmarried teenagers to become pregnant despite pregnancy prevention efforts.
- Also comment on the implications of teenage pregnancies with specific reference to the psychosocial development of the adolescent.

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QUESTION TWO

Please answer **ONE** of the questions

2.1 *Although the theories of Piaget and Vygotsky reflect the different socio-historical backgrounds from where it was developed, their work still proves to be invaluable in our understanding of the cognitive development of children and how children learn.*

Please provide a comparison of the work of Piaget and Vygotsky, focusing on the following:

- Socio cultural context the theories developed from
- Constructivism
- Stages of development
- Teaching implications

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OR

2.2 *Simnikiwe (14) lives in Alice in the Eastern Cape and attends the local secondary school. He is the eldest of six children and stays with his maternal grandmother with his siblings and two cousins. Simnikiwe struggles academically but is a very good cricket player. Simnikiwe's father has passed away due to AIDS and his mom has to work in East London in order to provide for the family. Simnikiwe was recently admitted to hospital after he got stabbed by an older boy who tried to rob Simnikiwe of his money. Simnikiwe was on his way to the local shop to buy groceries for his grandmother.*

Use Bronfenbrenner's Ecological model as reference and discuss the Psychosocial and Socio-Political influences that have and could still possibly play a role in the development of Simnikiwe.

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QUESTION THREE

Please answer **ONE** of the following questions

3.1 Discuss the following poem by explaining what ADHD is and how it influences the overall development of the child. Also discuss what the available treatments options are.

ADHD, how do I describe thee?

It is like a squirrel in a tree,

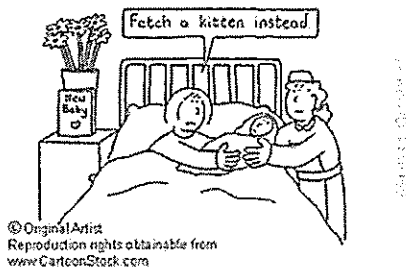
They both –

Oh look a butterfly.

- Elizabeth Keenan

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OR



3.2.

Write an essay about the above cartoon. Focus on attachment theory and include a critical discussion on the role of parents and caregivers in the process. Refer to cultural differences in attachment.

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TOTAL: /100