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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CODE: SSPS 212

SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

EXAMINER: MS N. MUTONGORENI

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer only **FOUR** questions*
- 2. Total marks **100***

Question 1

Infantile amnesia is the inability to retrieve events that happened before the age of three (Berk, 2013). Eacott (cited in Berk, 2013, p. 301) stated that “the reason we forget cannot be merely the passage of time because we can recall many events that happened to us long ago”. Discuss the development of cognitive information processing in infants. In your discussion, note the research findings of attention, memory and knowledge.

(25 marks)

Question 2

Discuss the ethical techniques and skills used when observing, interviewing and evaluating children’s behaviour in field of psychology.

(25 marks)

Question 3

(a) Illustrate ways in which the perinatal environment may affect the development of a child.
(15 marks)

(b) Examine the factors that cause poor cognitive development amongst infants and toddlers.
(10 marks)

Question 4

(a) Using Vygotsky’s Social Cultural Theory, discuss how adults and other people contribute to children’s cognitive development

(15 marks)

(b) Examine how thinking changes with development in children using the information-processing theory.

(10 marks)

Question 5

Using different developmental theorists, discuss whether human development is best characterized by a slow gradual process or best viewed as more of an abrupt change.

(25 marks)

Question 6

Critically examine any **five** factors that affect language development in children.

(25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION