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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**.*
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Question 1

Explain any **three** of the following chromosome and gene abnormalities in child development:

- (a) Klinefelter syndrome
- (b) Fragile X Syndrome
- (c) Turner Syndrome
- (d) XYY Syndrome
- (e) Phenylketonuria
- (f) Spinal Bifida
- (g) Tay Sachs disease

(15 Marks)

(h) Explore the main factors responsible for individual differences

(10 marks)

Question 2

Discuss any **five** reasons and benefits of studying child development with the relevant examples.

(25 marks)

Question 3

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

(15 marks)

(b) To what extent can neurocognitive development during childhood be best described as a progressive shift from knowledge acquisition to knowledge use?

(10 marks)

Question 4

(a) Analyse any **four** factors that can affect language development in children.

(20 marks)

(b) What is the difference between language and speech?

(5 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

Discuss Diana Baumrind's **four** parenting styles and how they affect child development.

(25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION