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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2024/2025

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE/ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN
MECAHNICAL ENGINEERING

EFN 3100: HISTORY OF EDUCATION

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions

QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- When John joined Meru University of Science and Technology in August 2024, he learnt he was to take History of Education whereas he had not done history as a subject in KCSE this made him stressed and consulted with the Chairman of Department on the same. List four (4) possible reasons he was given to convince him that the unit was important to him as a teacher. (4 Marks)
- Modern education is a product of ancient world systems of education. Briefly demonstrate how ancient Egypt system of education has informed the modern education. (4 Marks)
- During History of Education classes Mary and her colleagues went through many periods in the development of education among them Medieval and Renaissance. Give distinctive features that differentiate these two periods in relation to Education development. (4 Marks)

- d) Education existed in Africa long before the western countries came to Africa. Discuss two (2) pedagogies adopted in African indigenous education. (4 Marks)
- e) Today's education has been shaped by inputs of some great thinkers among them Aristotle. Briefly discuss his contributions to modern education. (4 Marks)
- f) "Culture is dynamic and so is education". Qualify this statement by discussing the rationale for Kenya to change from 8-4-4 to the current CBC system of education. (6 Marks)
- g) Since independence, Kenya has had many Education commissions which have shaped the education landscape. Discuss at least two (2) contributions of the Mackay Commission to Education in Kenya. (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)

- a) Modern education in Kenya can be attributed to a good extent to the missionaries. Discuss four challenges that they were faced with in their work when they came to Africa. (8 Marks)
- b) Ancient Egypt played a key role in development of modern education. Explain any seven (7) aims of the ancient Egypt education. (7 Marks)

QUESTION THREE - (15 MARKS)

- a) Great psychologist and educational reformer like John Dewey (1859 – 1951) have continued to influence education long after they died. Evaluate four contributions he has made to modern classroom teaching and learning. (8 Marks)
- b) Different early world religions have contributed to the current modern education. Explore features of early Islamic Education that are found in modern education. (7 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)

- a) Education development went through many periods and seasons in human history among them, Medieval period. Discuss Four factors that led to rise of Universities during this period. (8 Marks)
- b) Teachers Service Commission is mandated by the Constitution of Kenya to do a number of things in the education sector. Discuss seven (7) responsibilities delegated to TSC. (7 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (15 MARKS)

- a) Upon Kenya gaining independence in 1963, education commission was set up to discuss matters education. Discuss any four (4) recommendations made by the Ominde Commission of 1964 influenced education in Kenya. (8 Marks)
- b) The current Kenyan education system CBC, aims at developing various core competences and core values. Briefly explain the core values that are envisioned to be developed in the learners. (7 Marks)