



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2022/2023 academic year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION)

ESN 218: AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION

DATE:

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE in section A and any other TWO questions.

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain five reasons why communication is important for learners with disabilities (10 marks)
- b) Highlight ten forms of non-verbal communication (10 marks)
- c) Discuss five factors affecting the use of AAC (10 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Highlight five key team members involved in the design and implementation of an AAC system (10 marks)
- b) Explain the role of each team member in a) above (10 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain five instances when AAC is recommended (10 marks)
- b) Describe five groups of AAC users (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss five factors that can lead to abandonment by the AAC user (10 marks)
- b) Suggest five ways of reducing abandonment (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Examine ten factors to consider during the selection of an AAC system for individuals with communication disorders (20 marks)