



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS PSYCHOLOGY WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(MAIN CAMPUS)**

**APY 105: CHILDHOOD PSYCHOLOGY**

*Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014*

*Time: 2.30 – 4.30 pm*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer questions ONE and any other TWO

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QUESTIONS**

1. (a) Explain the significance of the study of childhood psychology (5 Marks).  
(b) Explain five theories of child development (15 Marks).  
(c) Describe five methods of studying children (10 Marks).
2. (a) Discuss the prenatal developmental process of a baby (15 Marks).  
(b) Explain five teratogens that influence the baby during the prenatal developmental process (5 Marks).
3. (a) Describe the physical and psychosocial growth of the infant (10 Marks).  
(b) Discuss the causes of accidents and deaths in infancy and early childhood (10 Marks).
4. Describe Jean Piaget's cognitive characteristics of a school age child (20 Marks).
5. Discuss the influence of the following on the development of the child:
  - a) Family (5 Marks).
  - b) School (5 Marks).
  - c) Church (5 Marks).
  - d) Neighborhoods (5 Marks).
6. a) Describe the psychoanalytic stages of childhood development (10 Marks).  
b) Explain Erick Erickson's contribution to childhood development (10 Marks).