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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY,
HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION**

HCR 523 SOCIOLOGY AND CONCEPTIONS OF CHILDHOOD

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer any three questions.
3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
4. Each question is worth a total of 25 marks.
5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

1. Demonstrate, with specific examples, the challenges you feel modern day parenting faces in Zimbabwe.
 2. "Children from the same parents experience their childhoods differently". Assess the validity of this statement paying particular attention to:
 - a) Gender (12.5 marks)
 - b) Income (12.5 marks)
 3. Analyse the legal, bio-psychological and social factors societies take into consideration when conceptualising what a child is.
 4. Use specific examples to comment on the view that childhood is a cultural construction whose existence varies depending on:
 - a) Country (5 marks)
 - b) Social class (5 marks)
 - c) Time (5 marks)
 - d) Gender (5 marks)
 - e) Religion (5 marks)
 5. Draw upon examples from Zimbabwe, including your own childhood experiences, to examine children's media culture, its qualities and its effects on/appeal to kids.
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