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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HPS241: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL the questions in Section A.

Answer four questions in Section B.

Start each Question on a fresh page

Write clearly and legibly

SECTION A

- 1) According to Piaget, describe the characteristics of children in the pre-operational stage and the parenting skills that may help children develop well at this stage (4 marks).
- 2) Teratogens can cause harm if ingested by pregnant mothers. Discuss two effects of teratogens during pregnancy and how families can lessen the problems (4 points).
- 3) Name and give a brief description of the four major domains of human development that psychologists study. (4 points).
- 4) There are 6 theoretical perspectives to the study of human developmental processes. Name and give a brief description of four of the perspectives? (4 points).
- 5) Explain the contributions of nature and nurture controversy to human development and why this is important for developmental psychologists (4 points).

SECTION B

Answer four questions from the following:

- 1) Compare and contrast Freud and Erikson's theories of human development (10points)
- 2) In relations to Mary Ainsworth theory, identify and discuss factors that influence attachment in children? (10 points)
- 3) Emotional development is the emergence of child's experiences, expression and regulation of emotions from birth though adolescence. Discuss. (10points)
- 4) Identify and discuss crisis situations that an adolescent might face and how you as a developmental psychologist you can intervene (10 points)
- 5) The theoretical views of Piaget and Vygotsky have been very influential in education. Explain the various ways in which cognitive theorists have been very useful in child development (10points)

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