



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

**COURSE CODE: ECDE 2124
COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING**

DATE: 26TH APRIL, 2018

TIME: 0830 - 1030HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

Attempt question 1 (ONE) and any other 2 (TWO) questions

SECTION A

- 1a). With reference to a suitable example, define the term “learning”
(1 mark)
- b). Explain the meaning of the following terms as used in psychology of learning
(6 marks)
- i). Experience
 - ii). Relatively permanent change
 - iii). Knowledge or behaviour
- c). What guides children in learning ?
(6 marks)
- d). What do you understand from the following principles used in Pavlov’s classical conditioning theory ?
(6 marks)
- i). Generalization
 - ii). Discrimination
 - iii). Extinction
- e). Briefly describe Maslow’s theory in relation to hierarchy of needs.
(6marks)
- f). Discuss the decay theory in relation to learning.
(5 marks)

SECTION B

- 2 a) Using example to elaborate/ explain operant conditioning according by B.F. Skinner.
(10 marks)
- b). How can teachers apply operant conditioning theory in a classroom situation?
(6marks)
- c) How can you increase retention among pre-school children or students.
(4marks)

3a). According to Bandura's social learning theory, behaviour is caused by several factors, other than external motivation. Explain these factors as explained by Bandura **(10 marks)**

- i) Environmental factors
- ii) Personal factors
- iii) Behaviour

b). Bandura emphasized that learning can be categorized into "enactive and vicarious". Explain each of these terms and give valid examples. **(10 marks)**

4a). Outline and explain five characteristics of effective Punishment. **(5 marks)**

b). Using a diagram, explain the stages in information processing theory **(10 marks)**

c) How can you increase retention example of "content" among pre-school children or students.? **(5 marks)**

5a). Using valid examples, discuss how, as a teacher you can enhance and sustain attention among children. **(8 marks)**

b). Bandura emphasized that learning can be categorized into "enactive and vicarious". Explain **(8 marks)**

c). Outline and explain four characteristics of effective punishment. **(4 marks)**

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