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**KENDU-BAY**

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**COURSE CODE: ECE 807**

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION**

**EXAM VENUE: LR 17**

**STREAM: (MA ECDE)**

**DATE: ...22/04/14**

**EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 12.00NOON**

**TIME: 3.00 HOURS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer ANY other 3 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- a) Define, using examples from your professional life, the following terms as used in special needs education
- i) Impairment (2 marks)
  - ii) Disability (2 marks)
  - iii) Handicap (2 marks)
- b) It has been argued that impairment, Disability and Handicap are non-existent/they are social constructs. Discuss this statement. (14 marks)

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Why is it important for postgraduate students of ECDE to study a course in Special needs education? (6 marks)
- b) Discuss the significance of early identification and intervention for children with Special Needs in education (14 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Explain four main causes of disability during the post-natal stage (8 marks)
- b) Discuss how the causes identified in 3 (a) above can be addressed (12 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Explain four the characteristics of learners who are gifted and talented (8 marks)
- b) Discuss four ways in which learners who are Gifted and Talented can be assisted in a classroom situation (12 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Explain why negative attitudes towards disability are a major impediment to the education of children with Special Needs (8 marks)
- b) “Inclusive education is a policy/philosophy that is doomed to fail in Kenya”. Discuss this statement giving three reasons (12marks)