



GARISSA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Moi University)

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR ONE
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAM

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: DCE 014

COURSE TITLE: LITERACY SKILLS IN READING AND WRITING

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 25/09/17

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- **The examination has SIX (6) questions**
- **Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY**
- **Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions**
- **Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary**
- **Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room**
- **Do not write on this paper**

This paper consists of TWO (2) printed pages

Supplementary / special exam_

1

please turn over

Good Luck – Exams Office



QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the following terms:
- i. literacy skills [2 marks]
 - ii. reading and writing readiness [2 marks]
- (b) Explain how the family can influence the literacy development of the children. [4 marks]
- (c) State **five** reasons why it is important to teach literacy skills to beginners [5 marks]
- (d) What does the term “dyslexia” mean? [3 marks]
- (e) Explain how dyslexia is caused and how it can be remedied. [6 marks]
- (f) Name any **three** main ways through which an Early Education Childhood teacher can create the learner’s interest in reading and writing. [3 marks]

QUESTION TWO

Discuss any **three** of the following theories of literacy development in children.

- i. Behaviorism theory [5 marks]
- ii. Social learning theory [5 marks]
- iii. Chomsky’s annalist theory [5 marks]
- iv. Piaget’s theory of cognition [5 marks]

QUESTION THREE

Describe the **five** main critical skills a child should master in readiness for formal reading instruction. [15 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the application of multi-sensory approach in teaching literacy skills of reading and writing to beginners. [10 marks]
- (b) Identify **five** reasons for the use the multi-sensory approach. [5 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss **five** indicators that determine a child’s readiness to read and write [15 marks]

QUESTION SIX

- (a) State **five** common reading problems that children experience [5 marks]
- (b) Explain **five** ways in which a teacher can prepare a lesson plan for reading and writing among beginners. [5 marks]

