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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

SCHOOLBASED

UNIT CODE: EDU 121 UNIT TITLE: PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

DATE: NOVEMBER 2011 MAIN EXAM TIME: 2 HRS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

Section A

1. (a) Define the following terms (6marks)

i. Philosophy

ii. Education

iii. Philosophy of education

It is the acquisition of attitudes, beliefs and values learnt by participation in the general social life of the school (part of socialization)

Application of philosophy principles & methods in field of education

(b) Briefly explain three major schools of philosophy (6marks)

- empirical rational

(c) Describe three branches of philosophy (6marks) - epistemology (philosophical study of knowledge) - axiology (philosophical study of values) - metaphysics

(d) Explain briefly at least three purposes of philosophy of education (6marks) - it helps one clarify meaning - guiding him in his endeavour - it enhances professional confidence

(e) Explain briefly the three main tenets of pragmatism (6marks)

(Principles) components tenets

Section B

2. Identify any four methods of technical philosophy and show their relevance in the theory and practice of education (20marks)

3. (a) Distinguish between conditions of knowledge and theories of truth (12marks)

(b) Explain why knowledge of the two is important for a practicing teacher (8marks)

- it is material - it is able to reason rationally - it is able to learn from unknown to know

4. Explain the four criteria for defining the concept of education as proposed by Njoroge and Beniners (20marks) - education is dialogic - interaction b/w his & pupils - multidirectional - education is creative - to change life of individual - education is normative - making worthwhile

5. An education that liberates should aim at developing critical consciousness in the learners. Discuss this statement demonstrating the various types of human consciousness (20marks)

- Economic - proper reasoning
- Social -
- Political - Spiritually
- Promoting unity
- self reliance
- oneself fulfillment