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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONS

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS  
SCHOOL BASED

UNIT CODE: BEDU 221

UNIT TITLE: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

DATE: APRIL 2013

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two

a) define the following terms;

- i) Curriculum: *is a programme of a course with activities (2mks)*  
*with learning objectives, content, resources, materials, means*
- ii) Curriculum development: *of evaluation so as to achieve (2mks)*

b) Identify four components of curriculum. *Aims, goal & objective (4mks)*  
*Subject matter*  
*Evaluating experience*

c) Outline six ways through which sociology influences curriculum planning and development processes. *it influences the social economic back ground of the school it self (6mks)*  
*the school it self*

d) Differentiate between formative evaluation and summative evaluation. (8mks)  
*flexible* *not flexible*  
*formative* *summative*  
*development* *evaluation*

e) State eight factors affecting curriculum development and planning process in Kenya. (8mks)  
*Economic factor*  
*Government Policy*  
*Political*  
*Emerging issues*

f) Explain five points to justify the functions of evaluation in education. (10mks)  
*To fill gaps*  
*To know*  
*Testing logical*

g) Discuss five ways through which philosophy influences curriculum development process. (50mks)

h) State and explain briefly the seven steps involved in curriculum development in Kenya. (14mks)  
*Need assessment*  
*Creation of curriculum material*  
*Formulation of policies*  
*Syllabus material*  
*Curriculum design*

i) Discuss the application of Hilda Taba's curriculum model in curriculum development in Kenya. (6mks)  
*The Hilda Taba's Curriculum model*  
*used*

ii) Explain the steps which are used in curriculum development in Kenya. (4mks)  
*Curriculum development is based on four elements*

4. a) Explain the barriers that affect curriculum development:

(14mks)

- Social factors
- Economic factors
- Political factors
- Psychological factors

b) Curriculum can be divided into three dimensions. State and explain each one of them.

(6mks)

5. a) Discuss the following curriculum designs.

(12mks)

- i) Learner-centered design - Students are focus of the program
- ii) Subject-centered design - Focus on the content in learning
- iii) Experienced curriculum - to develop learning skills
- Problem centered - Address cultural tradition & community of learners
- Focus on the problems of living society

b) Why do educators advocate for subject-based curriculum design in Kenya.

(8mks)

### National goals of education

- Foster Nationalism, patriotism & National unity
- Promote social, economical, technological & industrial needs for national development
- Promote individual development & self-fulfillment
- Promote Science, Technology & Religious values
- Promote social responsibility
- Promote respect for Kenya rich and varied culture
- Promote international consensus & foster peaceful relations
- Promote Africa nation