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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2024/2025

FOURTH YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE/ BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN
MECAHNICAL ENGINEERING

EFN 3400: COMPARATIVE EDUCATION AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions.

QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning of Comparative Education. (1 Mark)
- b) Differentiate between the following terminologies as used in comparative education:
 - i) National Character Analysis and National Philosophy Analysis. (2 Marks)
 - ii) Educational System and Education Structure (2 Marks)
 - iii) Historical Purpose and Melioristic purpose. (2 Marks)
- c) Describe three uses of comparative education. (2 Marks)
- d) Outline the three education systems in Kenya since independence. (3 Marks)
- e) i) Identify Six challenges encountered in the implementation of CBC (Competency Based Curriculum) Education in Kenya. (6 Marks)

- ii) Suggest possible solutions to address those challenges. (6 Marks)
- f) Discuss five qualities of a good educational comparativist. (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess four contributions of Marc Antoine Jullien to Comparative Education. (8 Marks)
- b) Explain any six factors responsible for the increased interest in the study of comparative education. (12 Marks)

QUESTION THREE - (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze four reasons for inclusion of comparative education in teacher education programme at the University. (10 Marks)
- b) Distinguish between four key features in the organization of education in the United States of America and Kenya. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine two similarities and two differences in financing education in England and Kenya. (8 Marks)
- b) Explain four major challenges of quality education in South Africa. (12 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)

- a) Name six factors that determine and shape systems of education in any country. (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss any two of the factors you have named in question 5(a). (14 Marks)