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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2024/2025

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF
EDUCATION

EMG 4100: HISTORY AND THEORY OF EDUCATION

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 3 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE - (24 MARKS)

- a) History of Education is of fundamental importance to a professional teacher.” give reasons to support the above statement. (4 Marks)
- b) Compare the contributions of Aristotle, Plato, and John Dewey to educational theory, and highlight how these theories are reflected in today’s education systems. (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss two Ancient Greek contributions that can be found in modern education in general, and in Kenyan education in particular. (4 Marks)
- d) Account for the rise of private schools in Africa during the colonial period. (6 Marks)
- e) Why was the teaching profession an attractive occupation during the colonial era in Kenya? Why has that attraction diminished in the post- independence era? (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (12 MARKS)

- a) What led to the establishment of the 8.4.4 system of education in Kenya? (6 Marks)
- b) What are the main problems that the system has faced since its inception in the 1980s? (6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (12 MARKS)

Analyze the emergence and development of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) in Kenya, with particular focus on its employment policy and its relationship with teachers' trade unions (KNUT and KUPPET)

QUESTION FOUR (12 MARKS)

Explain the rights and obligations of the following within the framework of the Kenya Constitution and the Education Act.

- a) Learners (3 Marks)
- b) Teachers (3 Marks)
- c) Parents (3 Marks)
- d) Employers (3 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (12 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the impact of the Renaissance on the rise of universities. (8 Marks)
- b) Examine changes in the educational landscape in Europe. (4 Marks)