

Mount Kenya University

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2024/2025

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL NEEDS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

BSNE
VIRTUAL VARSITY

UNIT CODE: BSE4219 UNIT TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SPECIAL NEEDS
EDUCATION

DATE: SAT 16TH AUGUST, 2025 11:00PM MAIN EXAM TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO
QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify six causes of special needs in children during the prenatal stage. (6 Marks)
- b) Cite the importance of policy in the implementation of inclusive education. (6 Marks)
- c) Outline the phases of the historical development of special needs education in Kenya. (6 Marks)
- d) Outline six categories of giftedness and talented. (6 Marks)
- e) Highlight six challenges of a learner with muscular dystrophy. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the social factors that were to be looked at and eliminated by the implementation of the UN standards rules on the equalization of opportunities

for persons with special needs and sight the limitations that were to be addressed. (20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss barriers facing full implementation and practice of inclusive education. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Critically evaluate the causes of physical disabilities in the pre-natal stage. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Describe the implications of specific learning difficulties on the learning and development of learners. (20 Marks)