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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES AND VISITING STUDENTS  
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PS214 Developmental Psychology I (5.0 ECTS)

Time allowed: **Two hours**

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Candidates are required to answer **two** of the following questions.

1. *"From Nature versus Nurture to Active versus Passive, from Continuous versus Discontinuous to Cultural Universals versus Cultural Relativism - these are simply themes that we must learn to look through and beyond when developing comprehensive theories of human adaptation."* Critically evaluate this statement in light of relevant research and theory in developmental psychology.
2. *"Out of the conflict between trust and mistrust, the infant develops hope, which is the earliest form of what gradually becomes faith in adults."* (Erik Erikson, 1983). Discuss this statement in light of research and theory in the area of early emotional development.
3. *"Play is deeply rooted in our genetic make-up, fashions our cognitive and emotional world, and takes us from the place of the self-absorbed into the place of shared consciousness."* Examine the role of play in psychological development in light of this statement.
4. Critically examine the contribution of Jean Piaget to our understanding of child development.