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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

3BA Psychology, 3BA Psychological Studies and Visiting Students

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PS321 Developmental Psychology 2 (5.0 ECTS)

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Time allowed: Two hours

Candidates are required to answer two of the following questions.

1. Children's friendships and peer relations contribute separate but overlapping functions to children's social, emotional and cognitive development. Discuss.
2. Language acquisition occurs too rapidly, universally, and uniquely in the human species, in the face of often ill-formed and degenerate input, to be other than innate in origin (Chapman, 2000). Discuss.
3. Rowe (2001) suggests that 'parents should be given less credit for children who turn out well and should take less blame for children who turn out poorly'. Discuss this statement with reference to the genetic and socialization influences of parents.
4. Can adolescence be characterized as a time of storm and stress?
5. Discuss the trajectory of cognitive functioning in adult life.