

**Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh**  
National University of Ireland, Galway

SECOND AND THIRD ARTS, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 1999-00

**Psychology, Paper 1**

PS309 Developmental and Educational Psychology II (Unit value 3)

Time allowed: Three hours

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*Candidates are asked to respond to one item in Section A, one item in Section B and to all fifteen items in Section C. Sections A, B and C carry equal marks.*

**Section A**

*Candidates are asked to respond to one item in this Section.*

1. Examine some of the recurring issues in Developmental Psychology, indicating how these issues are viewed from different theoretical perspectives.
2. Identify the main methodological challenges involved in the scientific study of development during the first two years of life and consider the extent to which psychologists have succeeded in meeting them.
3. Drawing on psychological theory and research, write an essay on the theme 'The child is father to the man'.

**Section B**

*Candidates are asked to respond to one item in this Section.*

4. 'Infants have impressive sensory capacities at birth and make considerable progress in developing cognitive and social skills in the first six months of life.'

Discuss

5. Examine the role of attachment in the social and emotional development of children, referring to relevant research and applications.
6. Describe the developmental sequence involved in the acquisition of a first language and identify some aspects of that sequence which are difficult to explain theoretically.