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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	: Science and Technology Education
<u>CAMPUS</u>	: APK
<u>MODULE</u>	: EDUCATIONAL THEORY IN STEM. (HETSSOY)
<u>SEMESTER</u>	: Second
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DURATION : 2 HOURS **MARKS** : 75

NUMBER OF PAGES: 3 PAGES

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer **each question** in a **separate** book.
 2. Answer ALL THE QUESTIONS.
 3. Number your answers clearly.
 4. Write legibly and present your work neatly.
 5. Read the questions carefully before answering them.
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QUESTION 1

- 1.1 Explain the importance and goals of STEM education. (6)
- 1.2 Discuss what integrated STEM education is, and provide **two ways** in which STEM subjects can be integrated. (9)
- 1.3 Appraise the importance of the 21st century skills under Binkley et al.'s (2012) grouping, i.e. "ways of thinking" in STEM learning. (10)
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QUESTION 2

- 2.1 What is the overarching goals of STEM Education? Name **three**. (3)
- 2.2 Define the meaning of the term **axiology** of STEM education. (1)
- 2.3 Discuss what an Enacted curriculum in STEM Education entails. (3)
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QUESTION 3

- 3.1 In creating an environment for sustaining STEM Education, three main environments are identified. Discuss **four aspects pertaining** to the **physical environment**. (4)
- 3.2 Hargreaves (2001) identifies **five steps** to encourage knowledge creation in STEM Education. Name these steps. (4)
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QUESTION 4

- 4.1 Explain, in your own words, what you think the main difference is between a teacher's content knowledge (CK) and pedagogical content knowledge (PCK). (3)

- 4.2 Do you think a teacher's PCK improves with experience? (1)
- 4.3 Provide one (1) motivation for your answer in 4.2 above. (2)
- 4.4 Discuss two (2) advantages of summative assessment. (4)
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QUESTION 5

- 5.1 According to the National Research Council (2014), "building connected knowledge structures" is a key characteristic of effective STEM learning. Discuss this characteristic by using appropriate examples. (10)
- 5.2 Differentiate between the roles of a traditional (transmissive) teacher and that of a constructivist teacher. (8)
- 5.3 Discuss the role of mediation and scaffolding in supporting learners transition across the zone of proximal development in STEM education. (7)
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