



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY EDUCATION – LEVEL 3

FINAL EXAMINATION 2017/2018

**ESD1231/EPD3531 – CURRICULUM STUDIES AND PRACTICUM-LANGUAGE
STUDIES (SINHALA/TAMIL/ENGLISH)**

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 24th February 2019

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer All Questions in Part I and any three (03) questions from Part II.

PART - I

01. State **five (05)** reasons for the introduction of New Educational Reforms in Primary Education in 1997.
02. Explain briefly what is meant by Competency-Related communication.
03. Briefly explain the importance of learning a language.
04. State **four (04)** methods of communication used by ancient humans.
05. State **three (03)** methods that can be used for grouping students in a Primary Classroom.
06. Explain briefly what is meant by “teaching aids” by citing appropriate examples.
07. State **four (04)** characteristics that can be seen in an active classroom.
08. Explain briefly what is meant by desirable learning competencies by citing appropriate examples.

(8x 5 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Describe **five (05)** functions of a language. (08 marks)
- ii. Select **two (02)** functions out of the above and elaborate on them with suitable examples. (12 marks)
10. i. Explain with an illustration what is meant by the “Experience Cone” suggested by Edgar Dale. (08 marks)
- ii. How is the above Experience Cone important for primary teachers? Explain with examples. (12 marks)
11. i. What is meant by ‘Essential Learning Competencies’. Explain with examples. (08 marks)
- ii. “It is a must to ensure the level of mastery of students in primary classes”. What are the responsibilities of Primary Teachers for ensuring to achieve this mastery level? Explain with citing examples. (12 marks)
12. i. What are the language difficulties faced by 3 – 5 years old children? (08 marks)
- ii. Select **two (02)** difficulties out of the above and suggest four (04) activities which could be implemented to overcome the problems mentioned above. (12 marks)
13. “The Environment is the most important factor that enhances language abilities of a child”. Do you agree with this statement. Describe your answer with examples. (20 marks)