



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

FINAL EXAMINATION 2018

ESC2219/EPA2419 – PLAY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 2018.12.29

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

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

PART - I

01. Name **five (05)** play activities that could be implemented for pre-school children.
02. Write **two (02)** characteristics of “Exploratory play”.
03. Describe in brief Piaget’s theory on play for pre-school children.
04. State **five (05)** types of natural play materials that could be used by children when they are at home.
05. Write **two (02)** factors that could help to develop language abilities of pre-school children.
06. List out **four (04)** social play activities which are suitable for pre-school children.
07. What are the skills, which could be developed in a pre-school child through rhythmic movement?
08. Explain briefly the role of a pre-school teacher when children are using play materials in the classroom.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. What is meant by play? (04 marks)
- ii. State **two (02)** aims of play in Pre-school Education. (06 marks)
- iii. Explain in brief the importance of using a climbing frame as an out-door play equipment. (10 marks)
10. “Pre-Preparation of pre-school teacher is essential in relation to play activities”.
- i. Explain **two (02)** problems citing examples faced by a teacher when planning and implementing play activities for pre-school children. (10 marks)
- ii. State suitable proposals to minimize the problems mentioned by you. (10 marks)
11. i. What is meant by “out-door play”? (04 marks)
- ii. Write **two (02)** advantages of out-door play with suitable examples. (06 marks)
- iii. Describe with examples, how outdoor play activities support to promote the intellectual development of pre-school children. (10 marks)
12. i. Fill in the blanks.

| Natural play materials | Indoor play materials | Outdoor play materials |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| a. | a. | a. |
| b. | b. | b. |
| c. | c. | c. |
| d. | d. | d. |

(06 marks)

- ii. Describe how the importance of the above play materials towards the development of pre-school child.
(06 marks)
- iii. Explain the role of pre-school teacher when the pre-school children use the outdoor play materials.
(08 marks)
13. i. Explain in brief **four (04)** imaginative play activities involved by children, who belong to the age range of 3 ½ - 4 ½ years.
(08 marks)
- ii. Describe with suitable examples the strategies that could be used by the pre-school teacher to promote imaginative play in children of the age range of 3 ½ - 4 ½ years.
(12 marks)

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