



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION – 2017/2018

FINAL EXAMINATION

ESC1137/EPC1237– EXPLORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE
INTEGRATED APPROACH

DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

Date: 14th June 2019

Time :02.00 p.m. – 04.00 p.m.

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

PART - I

01. Explain the term 'Environment' in your own words.
02. What do you mean by the term 'Integrated Approach'.
03. Explain the difference between the living things and the non-living things.
04. State **five (05)** areas that you would need to evaluate to find out the success of your activities planned (based on a theme) for the pre-school children.
05. List out **four (04)** advantages the children would gain by Nature corner and nature museum in a Pre-school.
06. Briefly explain how children should be observed during activities within an integrated programme.
07. "Children of Pre-school age required a garden for exploration of the environment" Do you agree with the above statement? Justify your answer.
08. Animal living on land could be divided into five categories. List out those categories with one example for each category.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. State **two (02)** major classifications of the concept 'environment'. (04 marks)
- ii. Select one of the classifications you stated above and describe it. (08 marks)
- iii. Describe **two (02)** teaching aids which you could use to provide experiences of the environment according to the classification you have selected. (08 marks)
10. Select any one of the following themes and prepare a detailed lesson plan.
a. Animals b. Rainy Day c. Market d. Children's park
- Your lesson plan should include the following:-
- i. Background information of the lesson (the theme, Age of children, number of children)
- ii. Nature of activities.
- iii. Children's' involvement in activities
- iv. Learning resources. (5 x 4 = 20 marks)
11. i. Explain the difference between the subject based approach and the thematic approach. (05 marks)
- ii. "The integrated approach support students to get a unified view of reality and enhances their capability to acquire real-life skills".
Do you agree with the above statement? Justify your answer with five relevant examples. (15 marks)

12. i. Select the theme 'People who help us'. Based on the above them select one concept for each subject area:
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| a. Pre-language development | b. Pre-mathematical concept |
| c. Environment | d. Aesthetic studies. |
- (10 marks)
- ii. Explain how you would organize activity for a day's programme by using the integrated approach to develop the above mentioned concepts in the preschooler.
- (10 marks)
13. i. Describe how observation can be used by the pre-school children to explore the environment.
- (04 marks)
- ii. Explain how you would organize a "Nature corner" in the classroom for the pre-school children to observe and learn.
- (08 marks)
- iii. Select a place suitable for pre-school children to visit and describe its importance for exploration.
- (04 marks)
- iv. Explain how a pre-school teacher could provide primary experiences to pre-school children through observations in relation to the place you have stated above.
- (04 marks)

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