



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

LEVEL - 03

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2020/2021

EPU3331 – PERSPECTIVES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY EDUCATION

DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

Date: 07.01.2023

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 03.30 p.m.

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

PART - I

01. Explain in brief the concept of Child Centered Learning.
02. What are the four learning goals have been pointed out in the report of the UNESCO “Learning to be education for today and tomorrow” by Edgar Frio era.
03. “Child as a self-learner” Describe in brief.
04. Define the term family?
05. Explain in brief the importance of Early Childhood Education.
06. What do you mean by multi sectoral approach?
07. Explain the purpose of the primary education.
08. What are the **five (05)** main aims which the primary education reforms introduced in 1972.

(5 x8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Explain Piaget philosophical thoughts on Early Childhood Education.
(08 marks)
- ii. Investigate the extent to which Piaget’s philosophy applies to today’s early childhood education in Sri Lankan context.
(12 marks)

10. i. "The role fo the teacher in primary school setting is to provide the environment to be aware of the world". Explain what is meant by above statement?
(10 marks)
- ii. Explain the following statement with suitable examples.
"The role of the teacher who guides students in the primary setting should possess communication and creativity competencies"
(10 marks)
11. i. What are the strategies which primary teacher could implement in the classroom to promote "learning through activities"?
(10 marks)
- ii. State **five (05)** challenges faced by the teacher in implementing the learning through activities. What are your suggestions to overcome those challenges?
(10 marks)
12. i. What are the main reforms which has been introduced by 1997 for the Primary education in Sri Lanka?
(10 marks)
- ii. Discuss the opportunities which are being provided for the primary education in Sri Lanka considering the following aspects.
a. Access to the primary education
b. Basic needs
c. Education resources.
(10 marks)
13. i. What are the decisions arrived at in the Jomtien Conference to ensure Education for all?
(06 marks)
- ii. List action taken by Sri Lanka since 1990 to ensure Education for all.
(06 marks)
- iii. Select **two (02)** of the above and explain with the evidence.
(08 marks)