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FINAL EXAMINATION - 2023
SNP8335 – SOCIOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 16.12.2023

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. What do you mean as social stratification?
02. Explain briefly the most suitable parenting style for children with Special Needs.
03. Write **four (04)** features of counter school culture.
04. Name **four (04)** basic systems of stratification have been identified by sociologists.
05. Explain **five (05)** challenges faced by children with Special Needs in making and maintaining inter-relationship with peers in the school.
06. Describe briefly **three (03)** issues faced by children with special needs in receiving formal education at school setting in Sri Lanka.
07. Write **five (05)** facilities available for children with special needs to get access to the Mass Media at present.
08. State **five (05)** problems face by teachers in integrating children with special needs in the teaching-learning process.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - I

09. i. Define the concept of socialization. (02 marks)
- ii. Name **three (03)** secondary agents in socialization and explain one of them. (08 marks)
- iii. "Socialization becomes a greater challenge for children with special needs"
Do you agree with this statement? Explain with suitable examples. (10 marks)

10. i. Explain with suitable examples the **three (03)** major roles of parents in socialization of children with special needs. (06 marks)
- ii. Write **three (03)** problems faced by parents when socializing their special needs child at home. (06 marks)
- iii. Suggest suitable proposals to minimize above mentioned problems. (08 marks)
11. i. What do you meant as “peer group”? (02 marks)
- ii. Write **four (04)** strategies that could be used to utilize the potential of peer groups to maximize the development of children with special needs. (08 marks)
- iii. Explain briefly **four (04)** problems face by special needs students interacting with peer group in the school setting. (10 marks)
12. i. Write the importance of teachers contribution in socialization the child with special needs at school. (06 marks)
- ii. Explain **three (03)** challenges faced by teacher when socializing children with special needs. (06 marks)
- iii. Present **four (04)** suggestions that could be used to overcome the above mentioned challenges. (08 marks)
13. i. What is the Social Mobility? (02 marks)
- ii. Explain **three (03)** issues in respect of children with special needs in achieving positive social mobility. (06 marks)
- iii. Examine the **three (03)** roles of the education in achieving positive social mobility of children with special needs. (12 marks)
14. i. Write **four (04)** positive impact of mass media on children with special needs. (04 marks)
- ii. Explain briefly mass media can be used for socialization with special needs children. (06 marks)
- iii. Describe **three (03)** issues faced by the special needs students using mass media for education process. (10 marks)

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