

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 FACULTY OF EDUCATION  
 DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY EDUCATION –  
 LEVEL 3- 2020/2021  
 FINAL EXAMINATION  
 EPD3331/ESD1131 – PERSPECTIVES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY  
 EDUCATION  
 DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS




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Date: 02.07.2023

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 03.30 p.m.

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

**PART - I**

01. “Sri Lanka faces several problems as regards to human resources in Primary Education”. List out five such problems.
02. What is the role of a teacher in Child Centred Education?
03. ‘The traditional role of family has changed now a days.’ List out **five (05)** factors that led to this change.
04. Name **five (05)** factors affecting low achievement levels of primary school students in Sri Lanka.
05. List **five (05)** categories of children placed under special circumstances.
06. “A child soldier is a human being less than 18 years old, recruited by an army or simply participating in an armed conflict.”  
What are the problems faced by child soldier in Sri Lanka?
07. What are the five actions recommended and implemented by the Presidential task force related to primary education in Sri Lanka in 1997?
08. What are the objectives of ‘Home -Based Early childhood Development programme in Sri Lanka.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Describe the two categories of children with special needs. (06 marks)
- ii. Explain visible and invisible disabilities. (06 marks)
- iii. 'The formal education system in Sri Lanka has provided sufficient educational opportunities for children with special needs'
- Do you agree with the above statement. Justify your answer. (08 marks)
10. i. List out **four (04)** prominent philosophers who contributed towards the Child Centred Education. (04 marks)
- ii. Explain **two (02)** prominent philosophers views towards the Child Centred Education. (06 marks)
11. 'Moving from a Teacher Centred Education to Student Centred Education is important'
- i. Define the term 'child centred education' (05 marks)
- ii. Why is it important to move from a Teacher Centred Education to Student Centred Education. (06 marks)
- iii. Explain the differences between Teacher Centred Education and Child Centred Education. (09 marks)
12. 'The age of compulsory school attendance has been raised in Sri Lanka.
- i. What is the compulsory school attending age range in Sri Lanka now. (04 marks)
- ii. What are the factors that influence the children in Sri Lanka for not attending school during the compulsory school period. (08 marks)
- iii. What are the actions taken by the Sri Lanka government to solve the problem of children not attending school? (08 marks)
13. 'The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted the education ecosystem in Sri Lanka'
- i. List out the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on primary education in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
- ii. Suggest your recommendations to overcome those impacts. (10 marks)