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FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY

EDUCATION – LEVEL 3 – 2020/2021

EPD3531/ESD1231– CURRICULUM STUDIES AND PRACTICUM-LANGUAGE STUDIES (SINHALA/TAMIL/ENGLISH)

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 08.07.2023

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

PART - I

01. Define what is the Language.
02. Write **five (05)** important aspects of Language.
03. Name **four (04)** stages in language acquisition.
04. Briefly explain **three (03)** characteristics of a hearing-impaired students in a primary classroom.
05. Write **five (05)** main points that should be included in an announcement.
06. Explain in brief the Competency Based Curriculum.
07. Explain **three (03)** advantages of using learning aids in primary education stage.
08. Explain, creative thinking in your own words.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Explain five (05) factors resulted in the introduction of new educational reforms in Primary Education in 1997. (10 marks)
- ii. Critically examine the Key Stages of Primary Education focusing on the following points.
 - Divided into three main key stages - Assessment and Evaluation
 - Learning-teaching methodologies – Entry Competencies
 - Classroom Environment. (10 marks)
10. i. By presenting facts, explain the importance of the Essential Learning Competency Programme in Primary Education. (10 marks)
- ii. “The responsibility of the teacher is to develop the Desired Learning Competency in the majority of the students in his/her class”. Explain this statement with examples. (10 marks)
11. i. Name and briefly explain **five (05)** learning aids that can be used to teach language in the primary grades. (Use diagrams where necessary) (10 marks)
- ii. Discuss five (05) factors that the teacher should pay his/her attention to when using teaching learning aids. (10 marks)
12. i. “Developing Language skills in students is the main responsibility of the primary grade teacher”. Explain this statement with facts. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain **three (03)** activities that can be used in the class room to develop students vocabulary. (10 marks)
13. i. Briefly explain **five (05)** problems related to writing that can be seen in primary school students. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain step by step how you as a teacher intervene to solve that one problem you mentioned above. (10 marks)

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