



**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**FACULTY OF EDUCATION**  
**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION**  
**PROGRAMME – 2021/2022**  
**ESC2219/EPA2419/EPC2419 – PLAY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
**DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS**

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Date: 01.07.2023

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

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

**PART - I**

01. Explain in brief what is meant by “Play”?
02. Describe briefly the importance of play in relation to young children.
03. Create suitable **two (02)** activities to develop good habits in young children.
04. Write down **three (03)** characteristics of play.
05. Describe in brief how you would organize and implement **two (02)** play activities to support children’s psycho-motor development.
06. List out **four (04)** physical development activities which are suitable for pre-school children.
07. Create **two (02)** play activities that could be used for pre-school children to improve speaking skills.
08. Briefly describe **two (02)** games that can be used for the physical development of pre-school children.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Explain the Piaget's theory on play for pre-school children. (10 marks)
- ii. Describe with examples how a pre-school teacher uses the above theory in a pre-school classroom. (10 marks)
10. i. Describe **four (04)** skills by which an exploratory play could be developed in young children. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain what are the factors a pre-school teacher should consider when planning exploratory play for pre-schoolers. (10 marks)
11. i. "Play" directly contributes to a child's language development. Do you agree with the above statement? If so, give reasons. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain with examples **three (03)** activities that could be used to develop listening skills in pre-school children. (10 marks)
12. i. What is meant by "sensory motor play"? (08 marks)
- ii. Name **five (05)** learning materials used by children in this sensory motor age range and explain by giving examples the concepts/skills that could be developed using those material. (12 marks)
13. i. "Play" greatly contribute to the development of children's intellectual skills. In this regard, what are the responsibilities of a pre-school teacher. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain how parents are responsible in using play at home for pre-school aged children. (10 marks)

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