



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

FINAL EXAMINATION - 2019/2020

EPC1234/ESC1134 – DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE SKILLS

DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

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Date: 17.06.2023

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

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

**PART - I**

01. Write **three (03)** ways of developing free conversation skills in preschool children.
02. Explain in brief what is meant by **pre-reading skills**.
03. State **five (05)** characteristics of a child with listening difficulties in the classroom.
04. State **three (03)** factors related to the home environment that influence to the language development of the preschool children.
05. Write **three (03)** advantages of the preschool environment in promoting language development of the children.
06. Explain in brief the benefits of learning nursery rhymes for preschool children.
07. Write **three (03)** suitable activities that improve the listening skills of preschool children.
08. Write **five (05)** activities that could be used to develop the pre-writing skills of children.  
(5 x8 = 40 marks)

**PART - II**

09. i. Name **four (04)** teaching-learning aids that can be used to promote attentive listening skills in preschool children. (08 marks)
- ii. Select any **three (03)** of the teaching-learning aids you mentioned above and describe step by step with illustrations how you would use them to develop listening skills in preschool children. (12 marks)
10. i. Explain **two (02)** speech disorders in preschool children. (08 marks)
- ii. Describe **two (02)** activities you could organize in the preschool classroom to help children with speech disorders. (12 marks)
11. i. Explain the importance of having children's story books in the preschool classroom. (05 marks)
- ii. Describe with illustrations how you would organize **three (03)** activities using books to develop language skills in preschool children. (15 marks)
12. i. "Children who have developed pre-writing skills learn to write well". Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain how you would organize **two (02)** activities to develop pre-writing skills in preschool children. (10 marks)
13. i. Name **four (04)** language skills (04 marks)
- ii. Explain how each of these skills can be developed through stories. (16 marks)

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