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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
BA HONOURS IN ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2023/2024
LEVEL 06
STU6301 – PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION
DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 2025.01.05

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

PART – I

01. “Education is the organization and reconstruction of experience”- (John Dewey)
Briefly explain the meaning of this statement.
02. Mention **five (05)** reasons why a teacher needs to study philosophy of education.
03. Briefly explain **two (02)** reasons for educational aims and objectives.
04. “Norms are enforced by ‘positive’ and ‘negative’ sanctions”. Mention one norm and two negative and positive sanctions related to the written norm.
05. State **five (05)** characteristics of children raised under the ‘Permissive-Indulgent Parenting Style’.
06. Provide **two (02)** examples for inter-generational and intra-generational social mobility.
07. Briefly explain how a learning-centered society helps develop one of the 21st century skills.
08. Define the term ‘attitudes’ and mention **two (02)** examples for attitudes.

(05 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART – II

09. i. State the view of education of **one (01)** Western philosopher and **one (01)** Eastern philosopher. (04 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain **three (03)** functions of education from the perspective of the society. (06 marks)
- iii. Evaluate why education must be organized around **four (04)** pillars of education as mentioned in the “UNESCO” report, “Learning: The Treasure within” (10 marks)

10. i. Explain briefly the term 'socialization' based on an accepted definition. (04 marks)
- ii. "Media is one of major agents of socialization which is increasingly becoming more powerful". Discuss **three (03)** negative impacts of media on adolescents' socialization. (06 marks)
- iii. How can the education system address the needs of unsocialized children to promote their social and academic growth? (10 marks)
11. i. Differentiate the terms 'social class and social stratification'. (04 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain **three (03)** emerging issues related to social class in Sri Lanka. (06 marks)
- iii. Discuss how social class impact on the educational opportunities available to students. (10 marks)
12. i. Define the term 'informal education'. (04 marks)
- ii. How can informal education support or complement formal education in the teaching learning process? Briefly explain **three (03)** factors. (06 marks)
- iii. Discuss the role of non-formal education in promoting lifelong learning. (10 marks)
13. i. State **four (04)** characteristics that support viewing education as an investment. (04 marks)
- ii. Explain the relationship between "Education" and "development" providing **three (03)** examples. (06 marks)
- iii. Discuss how does education contribute to the overall development of an individual and society? (10 marks)

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