



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION
LEVEL - 06
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2022/2023
EPU6332 – CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PRIMARY EDUCATION
DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

Date: 17.03.2024

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 03.30 p.m.

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

PART - I

01. Explain Comparative Education using a definition.
02. Explain Multi Ethnic Society in your own words.
03. 'The policy makers have taken several steps in the education process to create national harmony'
Discuss such **two (02)** steps.
04. Write **three (03)** problems of school management that have been identified regarding primary education in Sri Lanka. Briefly explain **one (01)** of those problems.
05. Write **four (04)** characteristics of developing countries.
06. The legal framework in United Kingdom (England) has divided primary schools into **three (03)** categories. Name those **three (03)** types of schools.
07. Name **five (05)** subjects applicable to children between the ages of 5-7 years (Key Stage I) in National Curriculum in Primary Education in United Kingdom (England).
08. Give a brief introduction to primary education in Japan.

(5 x 8 = 40 Marks)

PART - II

09. i. Explain with examples how Comparative Education could be used to improve the quality of education in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
- ii. “The success of educational reforms depends largely on them being widely accepted by the Stakeholders.”
- Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer with facts. (10 marks)
10. i. Briefly discuss **five (05)** problems that arise in the field of education due to the diversity/pluralism of societies. (10 marks)
- ii. As a primary grade teacher, explain how you would work with students from multiethnic societies to ensure equality. (10 marks)
11. i. “Among the existing issues related to primary education in Sri Lanka, the issues related to the classroom teaching-learning process and the levels of student achievement have been identified as major issues”.
- Briefly explain **five (05)** such identified problems. (10 marks)
- ii. Give your suggestions for mitigating the above-mentioned problems. (10 marks)
12. i. Conduct a comparative investigation of the new trends in primary education in Sri Lanka and Finland. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain with examples how primary educational processes of other countries can be adopted for the development of primary education in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
13. i. Explain stating examples how globalization has affected education in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
- ii. Analyze the positive and negative effects (**three (03) of each**) of globalization on various societies. (10 marks)

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