



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

LEVEL - 03

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2022/2023

EPU3530 – CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 03.02.2024

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. Explain the concept “Child Development” in your own words with the help of **two (02)** existing definitions.
02. Identify **six (06)** factors influencing pre-natal development and explain the positive impact of **two (02)** of these factors.
03. The ‘learning’ is influenced by a child’s maturity. Support this idea by presenting facts.
04. Introduce the concepts of “assimilation and accommodation”.
05. Explain the concepts of Ed, Ego and Super Ego.
06. Write **five (05)** characteristics exhibited by a child from an ‘Authoritarian’ family.
07. Write **ten (10)** ways in which parents can foster the personality development of their children.
08. Write **five (05)** strategies to be used by a teacher in managing problematic behaviours in children effectively.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART – II

09. i. “Heredity and Environment are **two (02)** major factors influencing child development” Logically examine the effect of these **two (2)** factors. (10 marks)
- ii. Discuss the importance of primary school teachers acquiring a precise understanding of child development domains, using **five (05)** examples.(10 marks)

10. i. "An experienced teacher identifies a student's readiness to learn". Explain as to why understanding a student's readiness for learning is crucial for a teacher.

(10 marks)

- ii. Children learn in following different ways

- Observation
- Limitation
- Play and Exploration

Explain how you would design a lesson (for primary grades) in such a way that the children use the above different learning ways. (10 marks)

11. i. Elaborate the modern research findings on brain development, and discuss the role of the prenatal environment in contributing to the brain development process.

(10 marks)

- ii. Provide examples and explain the significance of you, as a primary school teacher, being aware of the factors influencing a child's brain development. (10 marks)

12. i. Explain **four (04)** characteristics of pre-school age children's cognitive development and discuss how to integrate these conditions into the learning and teaching process. (10 marks)

- ii. Elaborate on how, as a teacher, you employ Vygotsky and Piaget's concepts of cognitive development to facilitate the cognitive development of children.

(10 marks)

13. i. Give your perspective on the impact of the following factors on the social and emotional development of children.

- Love and affection
- Safety and stability
- As opportunities of socialization.

(10 marks)

- ii. Outline the strategies, you as a successful teacher, employ to assist a child to overcome emotional challenges experiencing by a particular child

(10 marks)

-Copyrights reserved-