

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA **FACULTY OF EDUCATION BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION** LEVEL - 03 FINAL EXAMINATION - 2022/2023 EPU3235- CURRICULUM STUDIES AND PRACTICUM -

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

Date: 10.02.2024

Time: 01.30 p.m. - 03.30 p.m.

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

PART - I

- 01. Define the term 'environment' in your own words.
- 02. Explain in brief the ways the identifies the environment and its development during the early childhood period.
- 03. Explain the term 'communication'.
- 04. "Environment Related Activities is considered as an important subject in the Primary Education in Sri Lanka". Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.
- 05. What is the role of the students in protecting our environment? How could they contribute to it?
- List out and explain in brief four (04) global environmental issues. 06.
- 07. "The subject Environment Related Activities has an integrated feature". Explain the above statement.
- 08. How does communication links with our daily routine?

 $(5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ marks})$

PART - II

- 09. i. Explain the following terms,
 - a) Physical Environment
 - b) Biological Environment.

(04 marks)

ii. What is the relationship between biotic and abiotic factors in an eco-system?

(04 marks)

- iii. As a Primary School Teacher, how could you contribute to the environment protection. (12 marks)
- 10. i. Explain in brief the historical development of the Environmental Related Activity subject in Primary Schools in Sri Lanka. (06 marks)
 - ii. "Environmental Related Activities subject is different from other subjects" Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer. (06 marks)
 - iii. Select a theme from the subject Environmental Related Activities and describe the subject areas which have been developed in that theme. (08 marks)
- 11. i. What are the basic functions of the communication process. (04 marks)
 - ii. Explain the relationship between education technology and subject Environmental Related Activities. (06 marks)
 - iii. Suggest one activity which could be used to develop communication. Explain the activity which you have suggested. (10 marks)
- 12. "Assessment and Evaluation paly a very significant role in the teaching-learning process of all the subjects in the primary stage. Specially in the Environmental Related Activities it has a very important role to play.
 - i. Explain in brief the importance of assessment and evaluation in Environmental Related Activities with **four (04)** important facts. (08 marks)
 - ii. List out **four (04)** appropriate assessment and evaluation methods for the Environmental Related Activities and explain with relevant examples. (12 marks)
- 13. "A few small changes in our day to day life will be helpful in addressing some of the global issues such as global warming and also local issues such as solid waste disposal, Energy crisis, land degradation and water scarcity"
 - i. Explain five (05) small changes which you could make to protect the globe.

(05 marks)

ii. "Assessment is not only marking student's work right and wrong and giving grades. That is expected to do in assessing ERA in classrooms."

Write **four (04)** points of the bad effects of comparing students one another in assessing ERA. (15 marks)

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