



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION
LEVEL - 04– 2022/2023
FINAL EXAMINATION
EPU4531– PERSPECTIVES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING
DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 09.03.2024

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. State **five (05)** reasons to show that knowledge of philosophy of education is important for primary teachers.
02. Briefly discuss how Pestolozzi's educational philosophy can be applied to primary education in Sri Lanka.
03. Briefly discuss the role of the teacher in teaching through play as joyful learning activity.
04. State **four (04)** techniques that focus on when using questioning as an assessment tool and briefly describe one of them.
05. How do you use "visualizing" as a learning strategy in the primary classroom? Explain with an example.
06. Briefly explain **four (04)** factors that influence a child friendly learning environment.
07. Explain the importance of assessment for,
 - a. Teachers
 - b. Students
 - c. Parents
08. Briefly describe one of the entry competency activities that are carried out when children enter the grade one.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Explain with examples the importance of achieving the essential learning competencies included in the **three (03)** key stages introduced in the 1997 reforms to primary education at each stage. (10 marks)
- ii. Illustrate your role as a primary teacher to provide students with a smooth transition from primary education to secondary education. (10 marks)
10. i. Explain with a diagram the ecological model of individual development introduced by Yuri Bronfenbrenner on the influence of environment of child development. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain with examples how you would use this mode in primary classroom. (10 marks)
11. i. As Aggrawal and Gupta (2007) mention, briefly explain **five (05)** principles that a teacher should consider when using learning aids. (10 marks)
- ii. At the primary school level, explain how to use the following teaching-learning aids effectively.
- a. The use of Blackboard
- b. Use of pictures
- c. Use of textbooks (10 marks)
12. i. Analyze the characteristics of a child friendly learning environment. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain how you would design the physical and psychological learning environment in an effective way. (10 marks)
13. i. State **three (03)** of the most critical problems in primary education in Sri Lanka today. (06 marks)
- ii. Analyze the factors that contributed to creating those problems. (06 marks)
- iii. Discuss **three (03)** actions you could take to solve one of the problems identified above. (08 marks)

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