



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
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 BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS IN NATURAL SCIENCES  
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 LEVEL - 05  
 FINAL EXAMINATION - 2024  
 STU5512 – FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION  
 DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 16.12.2024

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

PART – I

01. State **three (03)** functions of education from the individual's perspective and describe one in briefly.
02. Name **five (05)** special features of Montessori Education.
03. What is meant by "Attitudes"? Explain briefly.
04. Explain the concept of "Social Mobility" with a suitable example.
05. State **five (05)** reasons why "Adult Education" is necessary for society.
06. Briefly explain **four (04)** differences between formal and informal education.
07. State **five (05)** challenges faced by Sri Lanka in implementing Open and Distance Education.
08. One of the main issues in Sri Lankan school education is competitiveness. Give **five (05)** suggestions to minimize this issue.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART – II

09. i. Name the **three (03)** parenting styles identified by Boumrind. (03 marks)
- ii. "Family plays a major role in child's socialization" Do you agree with this statement? Provide **four (04)** reasons. (08 marks)
- iii. Evaluate **three (03)** steps a teacher can take to enhance student's socialization in the school. (09 marks)

10. i. Name **three (03)** principles of “Nai Thalim” which was introduced by Mahatma Gandhi. (03 marks)
- ii. Discuss **four (04)** positive impacts of craft-centered education proposed by Gandhi. (08 marks)
- iii. Gandhi emphasized education should be given to bring a child’s harmonious development of all three aspects of the body (head, hand, heart). Name **three (03)** teaching methods that can be used in the teaching-learning process (Drama and Theatre/ Science/Mathematics Subject) to develop a student’s affective domain (heart) and briefly explain one of them. (09 marks)
11. i. Briefly explain what is meant by “Social Stratification”. (04 marks)
- ii. “The Education in Sri Lanka helps students to achieve social mobility” Do you agree with this statement? Explain by providing **four (04)** reasons. (08 marks)
- iii. Mention **three (03)** educational problems faced by children with lower socio-economic backgrounds and suggest **three (03)** actions that can be taken at the school level to reduce those problems. (08 marks)
12. i. Briefly explain the difference between educational aims and educational objectives. (04 marks)
- ii. Explain **three (03)** reasons for the need to state educational aims and objectives in a country’s educational system. (08 marks)
- iii. Mention **two (02)** educational aims suitable for the present Sri Lankan education and give reasons for choosing the mentioned educational aims. (08 marks)
13. i. Briefly explain what non-formal education is. (04 marks)
- ii. Discuss **two (02)** reasons why informal education is important for the development of individuals’ social skills. (08 marks)
- iii. Name **four (04)** strategies you can use as a teacher to help students become lifelong learners. Explain one of them briefly. (08 marks)

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