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LEVEL - 05
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023/2024
EPU5550 – EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION
DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 01.06.2025

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. There are various fields that have emerged from Psychology, Educational Psychology is one such field. Name **five (05)** other fields of Psychology that are related to Educational Psychology.
02. Explain the difference between growth and development by providing examples.
03. i. Explain “Participatory Observation”.
ii. Discuss two difficulties in using “Participatory Observation” to observe students.
04. “Each person does not reach the same developmental stages at the same age” Justify this idea citing examples.
05. Write **five (05)** strategies that a teacher can use to continue student attention.
06. Explain **three (03)** behaviours that can be seen in students due to emotional disturbances.
07. i. Explain “Motivation” with a definition.
ii. Name **three (03)** approaches to motivation.
08. “Perception is facilitated by attention” Justify this idea by providing examples.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Briefly describe **five (05)** positive changes that have occurred in your behaviour as a teacher result of studying educational psychology. (10 marks)
ii. Discuss how you would use the positive changes mentioned above to facilitate children’s learning. (10 marks)

10. i. "It is difficult to change the influence of Genetical Factors on the development of children". Justify this idea by providing examples. (06 marks)
- ii. Explain how the environment affects the child development under the factors of family and school. (06 marks)
- iii. Prepare a leaflet to be given to parents to create a suitable home environment for the development of children. (08 marks)
11. i. Evaluate the importance of non-experimental study methods, in studies related to the learning and teaching process of children in the primary stage. (06 marks)
- ii. Comparatively investigate, interviews and questionnaires as methods of collecting information. (06 marks)
- iii. "Interviews are more suitable than questionnaires for obtaining information about students in the primary education" Explain the above statement critically. (08 marks)
12. i. "The Trial-and-error method is a very important learning strategy in reaching the desired learning competencies of students". Analyze this statement with examples. (10 marks)
- ii. Discuss the importance of teachers receiving a strong education and practical training in students learning strategies with logical arguments. (10 marks)
13. i. Discuss the importance of a teacher being aware of how the maturity of the child affects learning, giving examples. (10 marks)
- ii. Analyze how imbalances between a child's maturity level and the learning tasks assigned to them affect their academic performance. (10 marks)

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