



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 FACULTY OF EDUCATION
 BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY
 EDUCATION
 LEVEL - 03
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023/2024
 EPU3331 – PERSPECTIVES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRIMARY EDUCATION
 DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

Date: 24.05.2025

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. What do you mean by “Child Centered Education” in Preschool or Primary Education settings.
02. List out **five (05)** philosophical Views introduced by Rousseau on Child Centered Education.
03. “Activity based learning is one of the most effective learning method in primary classroom”
Do you agree with the above statement? Justify your answer with five (05) reasons.
04. State **seven (07)** competencies in Sri Lankan education system and explain one of them briefly.
05. List out **five (05)** objectives of Primary Education Reforms introduced in 1972 in Sri Lanka.
06. What do you mean by “Education for all”
07. Briefly describe **three (03)** principles of Maria Montessori method.
08. Explain the concept of family with suitable definition.

(05 x 08 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. Describe the basic features of extended family and nuclear family. (06 marks)
- ii. Explain how socio-economic factors that have been influenced to change the traditional family structure of Sri Lanka. (07 marks)
- iii. “Parent of nuclear families have been facing many problems in Sri Lankan society”. Do you agree with above statement? Justify your answer with four reasons.

- (07 marks)
10. i. Briefly explain the **five (05)** issues in relation to preschool education in Sri Lanka. (05 marks)
- ii. According to your understanding, what kind of solution would you like to introduce for minimize those issues in Sri Lanka. (07 marks)
- iii. Discuss the new strategies that should be introduced by present government for improve the quality of preschool education in Sri Lanka. (08 marks)
11. Describe the main features of education reform introduced at primary education system in 1999 in line with the following themes.
- a. Curriculum. (06 marks)
- b. Teaching Learning methods. (06 marks)
- c. Assessment of children. (08 marks)
12. i. State **three (03)** key stages of primary education in Sri Lanka. (03 marks)
- ii. Explain the specific changes in each key stages with examples. (09 marks)
- iii. According to your understanding, are Sri Lankan primary school teachers working effectively after introduced above-mentioned key stages? Explain your answer with **four (04)** factors. (08 marks)
13. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following.
- i. Children with special needs in primary classroom.
- ii. Main standards of Day Care centres in Sri Lanka.
- iii. Socio-emotional development of children.
- iv. Physical development of children.

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

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