



**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

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**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION**

**LEVEL - 03**

**FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023/2024**

**EPU3532 – CURRICULUM STUDIES AND PRACTICUM – LANGUAGE STUDIES  
(SINHALA/TAMIL/ENGLISH)**

**DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS**

Date: 25.05.2025

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. “The most remarkable tool that humans have invented is language.” Write **five (05)** unique features of language.
02. Explain, Language has duality with an example.
03. “The Sinhala language has been enriched by words from various languages”.
  - i. From which language did the words clock, potato and almirah come?
  - ii. Write **three (03)** words that came from English Language.
04. Name **four (04)** linguistic skills.
05. “Language is a socializing agent.” Present **three (03)** facts to support this idea.
06. Mention **three (03)** family-related factors that affect language learning. Briefly explain how each factor influences language learning.
07. Explain passive vocabulary and active vocabulary with examples.
08. Mention **five (05)** methods that a preschool or primary school teacher can follow to develop children’s speaking skills.

(05 x 08 = 40 marks)

## PART – II

09. i. Discuss the **three (03)** areas of listening, namely attentive listening, listening with understanding, and listening with enjoyment. (08 marks)
- ii. Write down **two (02)** activities that you would organize as a teacher in the Key stage one to develop each of these areas. (12 marks)
10. i. “The family in which a child grows up makes a special contribution to the development of language skills of a children.” Justify your answer with examples. (10 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain **five (05)** activities that you organize as a preschool teacher to develop children’s pre-reading skills. (10 marks)
11. i. Explain the role that radio, television and computers play in a child’s language learning. (08 marks)
- ii. Investigate how a successful teacher should effectively use media to develop children’s language skills. (12 marks)
12. i. “Development of listening skills in children is essential for the development of language skills.” Discuss **five (05)** problems that teachers face due to the lack of development of listening skills in children. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain with examples **five (05)** activities that a teacher can organize to develop listening skills of children in preschools/primary schools. (10 marks)
13. i. Write down **five (05)** language difficulties that children face during preschool and primary school periods. (10 marks)
- ii. As a teacher who has knowledge of educational psychology, present the steps you take to overcome those language difficulties. (10 marks)

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