



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (HONOURS) IN PRIMARY EDUCATION
LEVEL - 04- 2023/2024
FINAL EXAMINATION
EPU4531- PERSPECTIVES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING
DURATION - THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 20.06.2025

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. Briefly explain the meaning of the competency-based curriculum which was introduced in 1997.
02. Briefly explain **two (02)** objectives of implementing the entry competencies program for primary children.
03. Describe in brief the influence of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophical views on the primary education reforms introduced in 1997.
04. State **five (05)** standards introduced by Buckler & Castle (2014) for maintaining an effective learning environment.
05. Briefly explain how teachers can incorporate elements of Uri Bronfenbrenner's macrosystem into the classroom?
06. State **five (05)** reasons why teaching aids are important in the teaching-learning process.
07. What are the differences between assessment and evaluation.
08. Draw Dale's cone experience.

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. One of the key principles of Pestalozzi's educational approach was: "Authority based on love, not fear-Teachers should guide and manage students through care, respect, and understanding, rather than through punishment or intimidation" Do you agree with this statement? Provide reasons to support your answer. (10 marks)
- ii. Analyze the extent to which this principle is reflected in present-day primary classrooms. (10 marks)
10. i. Compare summative assessment and formative assessment, providing suitable examples. (04 marks)
- ii. Discuss **four (04)** techniques that teachers should follow for effective questioning during assessment. (06 marks)
- iii. State **two (02)** problems/challenges faced by teachers when assessing student's progress and suggest ways to overcome or minimize them. (10 marks)
11. i. "The first step of education is to let children experience the joy of doing things by themselves".
Discuss this statement in relation to Montessori's approach to developing self-reliance in children. (10 marks)
- ii. Evaluate the teacher's role in preparing a child friendly learning environment. (10 marks)
12. i. "Aggarwal and Gupta (2007) emphasize that it is important for teachers to be aware of the features of effective teaching aids when designing and selecting them"
Explain five (5) factors that are important when selecting and preparing learning aids. (10 marks)
- ii. "Learning by doing leads to better retention than passive learning" Justify this statement using Dale's Cone of Experience, and provide examples of relevant teaching aids appropriate for a theme in a primary grade. (10 marks)
13. i. Describe the main features of Vygotsky's sociocultural theory of learning. (10 marks)
- ii. How can this theory be applied to create a supportive primary classroom environment? Explain by providing examples. (10 marks)