



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
DEGREE PROGRAMME – 2023/2024
LEVEL - 06
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2024
SNU6221/ESU4121– PRIMARY EDUCATION

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 01.03.2025

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

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

PART - I

01. Briefly explain Jean Jacques Rousseau's views about primary education.
02. List out the **three (03)** main achievements in primary level education.
03. Name the **three (03)** teaching-learning methodologies introduced in 1997, draw a diagram representing them and briefly explain those methodologies.
04. Discuss in brief how children learn in primary school.
05. List out the main factors to be considered by the primary school teacher when managing the curriculum.
06. Define the term 'assessment' in the school-based assessment process.
07. State **two (02)** functions in the role of an in-service advisor.
08. Describe the concept of primary education.

(8 x 5 = 40 marks)

PART - II

09. i. State the philosophical foundation of primary education. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain how UNESCO contributes to the advancement made in primary education in Sri Lanka (10 marks)

10. "There are 4.2 million pupils in Sri Lanka. These pupils are in age 5+ to 10+ years".
- i. How are pupils sub divided of school structures in these school years. (05 marks)
 - ii. List out challenges faced in Primary Education in Sri Lanka. (05 marks)
 - iii. Select **three (03)** challenges you mentioned above and propose suitable solutions to overcome those challenges. (10 marks)
11. i. List the **nine (09)** National Goals specified by the National Education Commission in 1992. (07 marks)
- ii. What do you understand by the term "competencies" (08 marks)
 - iii. How would you differentiate between "Child-Centered Education" and "Teacher Centered Education". (05 marks)
12. i. Explain the developmental characteristics of primary school children. (05 marks)
- ii. How children learn in primary classrooms. (07 marks)
 - iii. Review the factors that facilitate and support learning in primary school children. (08 marks)
13. i. Explain the main factors to be considered by the primary school teacher when managing the curriculum. (07 marks)
- ii. Review in brief the role of the primary school teacher as a manager of resources. (07 marks)
 - iii. Describe how primary school teachers maintain favorable home school linkage. (08 marks)

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