

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
M.A. IN TEACHER EDUCATION - PART I
FINAL EXAMINATION 2008
ESP 1262 – PERSPECTIVES OF TEACHER EDUCATION
DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS



DATE: 24th May 2008

TIME: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Answer three (03) questions only.

01. i. Examine the organizational structure of different types of teacher training institutes in Sri Lanka. (15 marks)
- ii. Select any one type of teacher training institute and assess its role in providing,
a) Academic orientation b) Practical Orientation and
c) Technological orientation to trainee teachers. (18 marks)
02. i. What is meant by the term 'teacher deployment'? (05 marks)
- ii. Discuss the major issues affecting teacher deployment in Sri Lanka. (14 marks)
- iii. Give your suggestions to develop an efficient teacher deployment system in Sri Lanka. (14 marks)
03. i. Differentiate initial teacher education from continuing teacher education. (08 marks)
- ii. Examine why continuing teacher education is necessary for professional development of teachers with special references to Sri Lanka. (12 marks)
- iii. Discuss strengths and weaknesses of continuing teacher education programmes in Sri Lanka (13 marks)

04. i. Define the term 'profession' (05 marks)
- ii. Describe five (05) important attributes that help to maintain the status of a profession. (12 marks)
- iii. Discuss whether the attributes you have stated above are evident in the teaching profession in Sri Lanka. (16 marks)
05. i. What is meant by the term 'empowerment'. (05 marks)
- ii. Explain five (05) aspects which you think are necessary for a teacher to get empowered. (13 marks)
- iii. Explain the measures that could be taken in Sri Lanka to empower teachers to perform as change agents. (15 marks)
06. Give your comments on the following statements.
- i. 'Teachers should adhere to a code of ethics to ensure the prestige of the teaching profession and effective performance of their professional duties.
- ii. Teacher education programmes should focus on training teachers to face challenges that originate from socio-economic contextual situation in the country.
- iii. Obtaining membership in a professional organization is essential for every teacher. (11x3=33 marks)

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