

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION 2007
ESP 2311 – PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION
DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS



DATE : 07th July 2007

TIME: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE (03) QUESTIONS ONLY.

01. “Nature is all that a man brings with him into the world; nurture is every influence that affects him after his birth.” (Francis Galton, 1974)
- i. Discuss this statement in relation to the human development in the prenatal period. **(10 marks)**
 - ii. Explain the role of nature and the nurture in the cognitive development of children according to views of developmental psychologists. **(10 marks)**
 - ii. Critically analyze the influence of parents in shaping the personality of individuals. **(10 marks)**
02. “Although learning by association had been discussed for centuries, it remained for Ivan Pavlov to capture the phenomenon in his classic experiments on conditioning” Myers 2004
- i. Define “Learning” and describe why Classical Conditioning Theory is important as a basis for understanding how learning occurs. **(10 marks)**
 - ii. Describe how Skinners theory of Operant Conditioning differs from Pavlov’s Theory. **(10 marks)**
 - iii. Explain how learning occurs in relation to Field Cognitive Theories. **(10 marks)**
03. i. “Maslow emphasized the more positive and uplifting aspects of human motivation” Do you agree”? Give three reasons for your answer. **(15 marks)**
- ii. Examine with examples how goal setting and goal commitment are equally important in, determining performance of students in a classroom. **(10 marks)**
 - iii. Describe how a teacher could use both principles to motivate students in his class room. **(05 marks)**

04. i. Discuss the development of one's personality according to Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytic Approach. **(10 marks)**
- ii. Compare Freud's Analysis of personality development with that of Carl Roger's under the following headings.
a. stages
b. prominent characteristics. **(10 marks)**
- iii. Discuss three (03) problems in personality development faced by an individual in the light of Freud's theory. **(10 marks)**
05. i. Citing examples explain how adult's learning styles differ from children's styles. **(15 marks)**
- ii. Examine three methods that could be used in facilitating adult learners between the ages of 21-35 years in Sri Lanka. **(15 marks)**
06. i. Explain the term "Children with special needs" **(5 marks)**
- ii. Select any two categories of children with special needs and describe their characteristics. **(15 marks)**
- iii. Citing examples, explain how you can help them in the normal classroom. **(10 marks)**
07. Write short notes on the following.
i. Concept formation in the childhood.
ii. Moral development in the early childhood
iii. Life span developmental approach. **(10x3=30 marks)**

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