

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2004/2005
ESP 1110 – PRIMARY EDUCATION**



DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS

DATE : 29.07.2006

TIME: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS IN PART I AND ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM PART II.

PART I

01. Write the views of a philosopher who has influenced the curriculum of the Primary School.
02. Explain citing examples two measures taken by the state to guarantee the right to participation of Sri Lankan children.
03. State briefly the changes brought about in Primary School curriculum in Sri Lanka introduced in 1972.
04.
 - i. Name three techniques adopted by young children to learn.
 - ii. Select any one(01) from the techniques you have mentioned above and briefly explain how children in the key stage 1 adopt this technique to learn.
05. State the five (05) basic competencies the child is expected to acquire during the primary school stage, according to the Educational Reforms that are being implemented to day in Sri Lanka.
06. State three (03) tasks a primary school teacher should perform in order to establish a sustaining school-home linkage.
07. Critically examine two (02) features of the assessment procedures presently adopted in Sri Lankan primary schools.
08.
 - i. Name four (04) officials in the category of 'Supervisory Personnel' responsible for the provision of primary education in Sri Lanka.
 - ii. Briefly explain the responsibilities of 'supervisory personnel' in the provision of primary education in Sri Lanka.

(8x5=40 marks)

PART II

09. Examine the contribution made by UNESCO to strengthen primary education. (20 marks)
10. "There is a pressing need to bring about progressive changes in primary teacher education and training".
- i. Describe the measures taken by the government of Sri Lanka to train primary teachers. (12 marks)
 - ii. Discuss the short comings of these measures. (08 marks)
11. Critically examine the following aspects of Primary Education Reforms of 1997.
- i. The quality of curricular materials
 - ii. The quality of infrastructure provision.
 - iii. The teaching learning process. (20 marks)
12. Assume that you are teaching key stage I children in your school.
- i. Write a brief report on developmental characteristics of your children. (12 marks)
 - ii. Explain how you would use your knowledge about these characteristics to facilitate their learning in the classroom. (08 marks)
13. "The Primary School Teacher needs to be mindful of creating a conducive social climate that promotes learning in the primary school children"
- i. Explain the methods you can use to provide a conducive social climate in the key stage II classroom. (10 marks)
 - ii. Describe the problems you may encounter when providing such an environment in your classroom. (10 marks)
14. Write short notes on any two of the following topics.
- i. Management of the Primary Curriculum.
 - ii. New trends in Assessments.
 - iii. The role of the principal in implementing the primary school curriculum.

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