

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

FINAL EXAMINATION - 2006/2007 - FIRST SEMESTER

ESP 1202 – FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION



DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS

DATE : 18.03.2007

TIME: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer all questions in Part I and three from part II.

PART I

01. Suggest an educational policy that should be planned and adopted to minimize social class differences in a country.
02. Explain briefly two techniques used by parents to socialize their children.
03. 'There is a close link between life long education and a learning society' – Comment.
04. Indicate the three main principles that underlined Mahathma Gandhi's educational policy of 'Naithalim'
05. 'The definition of the concept of development has changed today'. Do you agree? Substantiate your answer with two reasons.
06. Explain citing appropriate examples the relationship between
 - i. Attitudes and values
 - ii. Values and moral judgment
07. 'Open education is education without walls' – Comment on this statement in relation to Sri Lankan higher education.
08. Explain the three types of peer learning namely
 - i. cooperative learning
 - ii. peer tutoring
 - iii. peer collaborative learning

PART – II

09.
 - i. Distinguish formal, nonformal and informal system of education.
 - ii. 'The formal system of education has its advantages and disadvantages as well' – Comment.
 - iii. Discuss the extent to which nonformal education programmes in Sri Lanka complement formal education and enrich the learning acquired through formal education.
10.
 - i. Define social mobility. Distinguish inter generational mobility and intra generational mobility.
 - ii. Discuss the role played by education in promoting social mobility of individuals.
 - iii. Analyse the factors that obstruct social mobility of individuals in Sri Lanka.
11.
 - i. Define primary socialization and secondary socialization.
 - ii. Discuss the role of the family as an agent of socialization.
 - iii. Analyse the importance of peers in the socialization process within and outside the school.
12.
 - i. What is the nature of philosophy?
 - ii. What is the relationship between education and philosophy?
 - iii. Select any two educational philosophers and describe separately their contributions to the improvement of teaching and learning processes.
13.
 - i. Discuss the factors that aggravate the deterioration of moral standards in the school society today.
 - ii. Explain how teachers could help in inculcating values in children.
 - iii. Evaluate the role of the religious organizations and mass media in value education.

14. Comment on any two of the following.

- i. 'Updating of academic and professional standards of teachers is imperative to provide quality education.'
- ii. 'Education is a unique investment in the present and future. This cardinal principle is the key to the National policy on education'
- iii. 'The relatively high unemployment rates among the educated in Sri Lanka is a testimony to the poor relevance of education to the labour market needs.'

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