

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
FINAL EXAMINATION (SECOND SEMESTER)- 2006/2007
ESP 1110 – PRIMARY EDUCATION
DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS



DATE : 02.12.2007

TIME: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

PART I

01. Briefly explain the concept of primary education.
02. List the important changes in the primary school curriculum which was implemented since 1997 in Sri Lanka.
03. Name three important suggestions to bring about quality improvement in primary teacher education and training in Sri Lanka.
04. List at least five National Goals specified by the National Education Commission in 1992.
05. Explain the main factors that should be considered by the primary school teacher when managing the curriculum.
06. Explain the difference between the terms “assessment” and “evaluation”.
07. Name the areas and activities that a primary school teacher needs help and support.
08. Name three factors that facilitate and support learning in primary school children.
(5x8=40 marks)

PART II

09. i. Name the Developmental characteristics of primary school children.
(08 marks)
- ii. Propose to organize a supportive learning environment that will encourage children to become active learner.
(12 marks)
10. i. Name the factors leading to the denial of primary education to the most needy groups of children in Sri Lanka.
(08 marks)
- ii. State the role of the government, and the community to overcome above mentioned factors.
(12 marks)
11. i. "The priority in primary education should be given to the development of the total personality of children"
Discuss this statement.
(10 marks)
- ii. State major responsibilities of a teacher in providing care for the total development of personality of primary aged children.
(10 marks)
12. i. What are the challenges that Sri Lanka is facing today in maintaining quality when providing primary education?
(10 marks)
- ii. Prepare an action plan to overcome those challenges.
(10 marks)
13. i. Describe the competencies that are generally expected in a normal child at the point of entry to primary school.
(08 marks)
- ii. Explain the characteristics the primary child needs to develop to face challenges of the twenty first century successfully.
(12 marks)

14. Write short notes on any three (03) of the following.

- i. Right to protection.
- ii. Right to participation.
- iii. Compulsory Education Act.
- iv. John Dewey (1859-1952)
- v. Primary teacher as a manager.

(20 marks)

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