

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
FINAL EXAMINATION (SECOND SEMESTER)- 2006/2007
ESU 1109 – CHILD RIGHTS
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 ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM PART II.

PART I

01. Briefly explain the steps taken during the Portuguees and Dutch rulers to improve the situation of children.
02. List the measures implemented in 1939 for a clear child welfare policy.
03. Specify the fundamental principles which govern child rights.
04. State the risk factors that threaten the survival and development of the child.
05. Explain briefly the meaning of the term “participatory rights”
06. List five most prevalent forms of child abuse in Sri Lanka.
07. Identify the factors hindering effectiveness of communication on child rights.
08. Give three reasons as to why Sri Lanka has not been able to prevent child abuse completely.

(5x8=40 marks)

PART II

09. i. Describe the situation of children in the pre-colonial period. (08 mark)
- ii. Explain the steps taken during post independence period to improve the situation of children. (12 mark)
10. i. Differentiate between the terms “rights , needs and duties” related to children. (08 mark)
- ii. Examine the constraints/limitations that may affect the upholding of fundamental principles of child rights. (12 mark)
11. i. What are the key issues that are related to ensuring a child’s rights to survival and development? (08 mark)
- ii. Examine the measures taken by the state to ensure the rights to survival and development of children. (12 mark)
12. i. Describe the effectiveness of parenting styles for the social development of a child. (08 mark)
- ii. Explain how school environment can be organized to compensate for the negative consequences of short comings in child rearing by the family. (12 mark)
13. i. Explain the attempts that have been made to integrate child rights into the formal education system in Sri Lanka (10 marks)
- ii. Suggest awareness raising and communication strategies which are more suited to disadvantaged communities (10 marks)
14. Write short notes of any three of the following. (20 marks)
- i. Personality development of a child.
- ii. Adoption.
- iii. Child Protection Authority of Sri Lanka
- iv. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- v. Children placed in the difficult circumstances.

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