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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
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ESP 1135- SOCIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF SPECIAL
NEEDS EDUCATION



DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS

DATE : 11th May 2010

TIME: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer all questions in Part I and any three (03) questions in Part II.

PART I

1. School plays a very important role in socializing children, and the school curriculum is the means to bring the together a society's vast accumulated knowledge. Give five things that children can learn through formal curriculum about society, that helps them to adopt themselves to become accepted member of their society. (05 marks)
2. Norms are guidelines that direct conduct in particular situation in culture. Give five existing cultural norms affecting youth in Sri Lanka. (05 marks)
3. List three agents of socialization of a child, and briefly explain them. (05 marks)
4. There are three types of parenting style in socializing process of children, and these three styles help to develop three types of behaviour in children. Briefly explain above mentioned three types of parenting styles and three types of behaviours in children. (05 marks)
5. The structure of the family varies from one society to another. In socializing children for membership in the family, affect diversity of the family. List five types of family diversity and briefly explain them. (05 marks)
6. Observational analysis of classroom indicate that the social lives of children with special needs differ from other children. (James, 1998). List five characteristics of children with special needs and briefly explain them. (05 marks)

7. Westwood (2003) emphasizes at least three conditions for positive social interaction and the development of friendships among children with and without disabilities. Briefly explain those three conditions. (05 marks)
8. Socialization effects in expressing emotions differently in different cultures. List at least six universal emotions and briefly explain how socialization affect them. (05 marks)

PART II

9. i. One important socializing is the Peer Group. Peer Groups are friendship groups of children of a similar age. Describe how peer groups are essential in socialization giving important characteristics of peer groups. (08 marks)
- ii. Children with special needs do not develop social skills as easy as others. They seem to be ignored more often when they attempt to initiate social interactions with other peers. This issue will badly affect for their socialization process. Describe with examples (12 marks)
10. i. The concept of 'school culture' has been identified as a major variable in socialization process. Describe three school cultural variables with examples. (10 marks)
- ii. Explain the issues of school culture for the children with special needs, in the process of the socialization and how school react to socialize the special needs child, describe with examples. (10 marks)
11. i. Define the social stratification and then explain four basic system of social stratification with examples. (08 marks)
- ii. How does a child's disability affect in social stratification in general and particular in Sri Lankan context. (12 marks)

12. i. What was wrong about having disabled children separate and teaching them in segregation settings, and how it affects for their socialization? Explain with examples. (10 marks)
- ii. At the same time inclusive school foster understanding of the diversity of human experiences and the value supportive environments for students with disability. Explain why? (10 marks)
13. i. Explain the role of education in achieving social mobility for children with special needs, comparing the parental involvement and current education system in Sri Lanka. (08 marks)
- ii. Due to disabilities the children suffer in the total process of schooling, there is a likelihood deprived of the outcomes of socialization as well as education. Explain this issue in respect of these students is how to gain employment and achieving social mobility. (12 marks)
14. i. Parents try to move to better neighborhoods. However, many issues rise when they have a child with special needs. Describe this phenomena comparing Sri Lankan context. (08 marks)
- ii. How inclusive education support, to give a better socialization process for the children with special needs. Explain with examples. (12 marks)

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