

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

B.A IN ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - LEVEL 6



FINAL EXAMINATION

- July 2007

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION

- ESU 4101

DURATION

- TWO HOURS (02 hours)

DATE: 09. 07. 2007

TIME: 1.30 pm. - 3.30pm.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN PART (A) and ANY TWO FROM PART (B).

PART - A

1. State three reasons in support of the view that a viable philosophy of education is necessary for any system of education.
2. Write three views of Rousseau on child centred education.
3. 'Education system of a country should be closely linked to its indigenous culture'. Do you agree? Give two reasons.
4. Give two evidences that confirm that social status still determines educational opportunities in Sri Lanka.
5. Explain briefly two methods of teaching advocated by John Dewy.
6. State five aims of life long education.
7. 'Socialization is the process which develops the personality of an individual.' Elucidate this statement.
8. State three strategies that could be employed to promote Adult Education in Sri Lanka.

9. 'Open education is an effective alternative to the formal and traditional system of education.' Do you agree? Give two reasons to substantiate your answer.
10. 'To prepare a person for service or a career eventually, the education system should have arrangements for enabling growing children to fit into different callings in later life'. Propose three measures.

(50 marks)

PART - B

11. i) Define the term 'Equality of educational opportunity'
ii) Discuss four measures implemented in Sri Lanka since independence with the aim of expanding educational opportunity.
iii) Assess the extent to which equality of educational opportunity has been realized in present day Sri Lanka.

(25 marks)

12. i) Explain why socialization is a lifelong process.
ii) 'The modern family has delegated the function of socialization to other educational agencies'. Comment.
iii) Critically review the impact of the 'peer group' as a potential agent of socialization of the adolescent.

(25 marks)

13. i) Explain what you mean by 'Social Mobility'.
ii) 'Education has a strong influence on social mobility'. Comment.
iii) Discuss citing examples how the lack of essential skills needed for employability of the majority of the unemployed graduates in Sri Lanka become a constraint on their social mobility.

(25 marks)

14. Comment on any **three** of the following statements.

- i) 'The schools can play a pivotal role in changing attitudes of students.'
- ii) 'Education is today considered as the forerunner of economic development'
- iii) 'In a rapidly changing modern world the school should develop in students competencies of learning to learn rather than mere transmission of knowledge.'
- iv) 'Linking education with the world of work is an urgent necessity in Sri Lanka.'

(25 marks)

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