

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME
FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION – 2005/2006
ESC 1222/ESC1233 – CHILD PSYCHOLOGY



DURATION : THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 21st October, 2006

Time : 1.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.

ANSWER FIVE QUESTIONS ONLY.

01. To make it easy to study child psychology, developmental psychologists have separated the development into major domains.

Describe in brief each of these domains.

(20 marks)

02. “Raising awareness of parents in bringing up children is also a task of a pre-school teacher”

Explain in brief how you would use your knowledge in child psychology to raise awareness in parents under the following topics.

- i. To develop social skills in the child.
- ii. To develop creativity in the child.

(20 marks)

03. i. Name two situations where observation method could be used as a technique to study children in your pre school.

(02 marks)

- ii. Explain two (02) main features that the observer should take into account when observing children.

(08 marks)

- iii. A teacher collected information under the following information to study children who demonstrated problem behaviour.

- The child's intelligence level
- The child's health condition
- The child's educational progress
- The probable causes of the child's problems.

What is the technique she/he used in collecting above mentioned information.

(02 marks)

- iv. Present a format that could be used to collect information through the above mentioned technique.

04. i. Name five abnormal behaviour patterns demonstrated by children in the classroom. (05 marks)
- ii. Explain in brief any two from the behaviour patterns you have mentioned above (08 marks)
- iii. Explain in brief two causes that promote abnormal behaviour in children. (07 marks)
05. "The influence of heredity on an individual can be minimized or changed by the environment"
- i. Name three aspects that are considered as determined by heredity. (06 marks)
- ii. Explain in brief how the influence of heredity could be minimized or changed by the environment. (14 marks)
06. i. Pre-natal stage had been divided into three main stages by experts. Describe in brief these three stages. (06 marks)
- ii. Give reasons for the importance of environmental factors during the pre-natal stage. (06 marks)
- iii. Describe in brief three factors that adversely affect the fetus during the pre-natal stage. (08 marks)
07. i. Explain what is meant by "neonate"? (04 marks)
- ii. Explain four basic needs of the neonate. (06 marks)
- iii. State five capabilities of the neonate. (10 marks)

08. i. Name two different types of birth injuries that may cause in the delivery.
(05 marks)
- ii. Assume that there is a child in your classroom who has faced a birth injury.
Explain in brief how you would organize the teaching – learning experiences for this child.
(15 marks)
09. Write short notes on any two of the following.
- a. The process of socialization.
 - b. How child gains self awareness
 - c. General psychomotor abilities of a pre school child.
- (10x20 marks)

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