

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME
FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION – 2006/2007
ESC 1121/ESC 1132 – PRINCIPLES OF PRE SCHOOL EDUCATION



DURATION : TWO (02) HOURS

DATE : 21st October, 2006

TIME : 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY.

01. i. Briefly explain what you mean by “Pre-school education” (08 Marks)
- ii. State four(04) objectives of pre-school education (04 Marks)
- iii. Select two (02) and describe two activities which can be implemented in a pre-school in order to achieve these objectives. (13 Marks)
02. i. Briefly explain the concept of “Child centred education” (08 Marks)
- ii. Name two (02) educational philosophers who have contributed for the development of this concept. (02 Marks)
- iii. State the views of the philosophers you have named, on the provision of education to children of pre-school age. (15 Marks)
03. Select two from the following countries and describe how early child hood education is provided in these countries.
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| i. Japan | iii. Russia |
| ii. China | iv. United Kingdom. |
- (25 Marks)

04. i. State five (05) attributes a good pre-school teacher should possess. (05 Marks)
- ii. Explain why you consider these attributes should be possessed by a good pre-school teacher. (10 Marks)
- iii. Show the importance of following a pre-school teacher education programme by a pre-school teacher in order to develop the above attributes in herself. (10 Marks)
05. i. Name two types of systems/institutions functioning in Sri Lanka for early childhood care and education. (05 Marks)
- ii. Describe separately how these two (02) types function in Sri Lanka. (20 Marks)
06. i. Briefly describe the historical background of pre-school education in Sri Lanka. (10 Marks)
- ii. Critically examine the role of the governmental and non – governmental institutions for the improvement and development of pre-school education in Sri Lanka. (15 Marks)

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