

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2007**



**ESC 1126/ESC 1137 – EXPLORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE  
INTEGRATED APPROACH.**

**DURATION : TWO (02) HOURS**

**DATE : 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**TIME : 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon**

ANSWER FOUR (04) QUESTIONS SELECTING TWO (02) FROM EACH SECTION. ATTACH BOTH SECTIONS TOGETHER.

01. a) Citing examples explain how the following characteristics of preschool children help them to explore the environment.  
i. curiosity  
ii. mobility  
(10 marks)
- b) Examine the learning experiences a pre school child could gain from the themes “water” “soil” and “stones” in relation to his/her environment.  
(15marks)
02. a) State in brief two (02) activities you could organise to involve pre school children to gain learning experiences about animals.  
(05 marks)
- b) Explain how you would engage pre schoolers in the two activities you have mentioned above under the following headings.  
i. objectives  
ii. approach (how you commence the activity)  
iii. questions & expected answers.  
iv. Conclusion (how you conclude the activities)  
(20 marks)
03. a) State the main aspects which should be considered when preparing the preschool garden to support children to explore the environment.  
(05 marks)
- b) Describe the significance of each of the above aspects for preschool children to explore and learn about the environment.  
(20 marks)

**PART II.**

04. a) Explain what is meant by integrated approach. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the difference between subject oriented systematic teaching method and the integrated approach. (15 marks)
05. Select any character from the people who help us. Take this character as a theme and explain with illustrations how you would plan activities in your pre school by applying the integrated approach. (25 marks)
06. a) State the aspects of child development that you must pay attention to when assessing pre schoolers after an activity. (10 marks)
- b) You have selected the theme "Rain" for one week programme in your pre school. You used the integrated approach in this programme. Explain with examples, how you assessed children's progress at the end of the programme under the following headings.
- Language
  - Appreciation
  - Facts learned about the environment.
- (15 marks)

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