

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2008
ESC 1123/ ESC 1134 – DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE SKILLS
DURATION : TWO (02) HOURS



DATE : 16th March 2008

TIME : 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

ANSWER FOUR SELECTING TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH PART.

PART ONE

01. a) Name five teaching learning aids to be used in the pre-school for the facilitation of listening attentively in children. (10 marks)
- b) Select three of these teaching learning aids you have mentioned, and describe how you experiment these with children, step by step using illustrations. (15 marks)
02. a) Briefly introduce two factors that promote and stimulate free conversation in children of pre-school age. (06 marks)
- b) Describe two activities that could be practiced in the classroom for the development of speech abilities in children. (12 marks)
- c) Briefly indicate two weaknesses that would be observable in speech of children. (07 marks)
03. a) Explain what is meant by 'preparation of children for reading' (reading readiness) (10 marks)
- b) Select 3 of the topics given below, and describe how each of these could be used to promote reading skills in children.
- i. Ability in recognizing something
 - ii. Thinking skills
 - iii. Matching picture cards
 - iv. Left to right eye movement
- (15 marks)

PART TWO

04. a) Explain what is meant by 'hearing discrimination' (05 marks)
- b) Describe giving appropriate illustrations, three activities that could be organized to promote abilities in hearing discrimination in pre school children. (15 marks)
- c) Write two characteristics observable in children with hearing difficulties. (05 marks)
05. Read the topics given below. Describe how the activities planned by using each of these topics, will be helpful in developing pre-writing skills in children. (give illustration where ever appropriate)
- i. Getting used to patterns.
 - ii. Remembering the shape of a picture
 - iii. Copying shapes
 - iv. Collage method.
- 4x4 marks for writing = 16
Illustrations = 09

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06. Explain giving examples how far the home environment of preschool children will be helpful in their language development. (25 marks)

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