

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**CERTIFICATE IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME**  
**FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION – 2008**  
**ESC 1121/ESC 1132 – PRINCIPLES OF PRE SCHOOL EDUCATION**



**DURATION : TWO (02) HOURS**

**DATE : 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**TIME : 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon**

**ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS ONLY.**

01. I. Briefly state what you mean by 'pre school education' (08 marks)
- II. List five (5) objectives of providing pre-school education. (05 marks)
- III. Select two (2) objectives from the above list and describe two (2) activities for each objective that could be implemented in a pre school in order to achieve the objectives. (12 marks)
02. I. Name two (2) educational philosophers who have expressed views on early childhood education. (02 marks)
- II. State two (2) views expressed by each of the philosophers separately on providing early childhood education. (12 marks)
- III. Explain the importance of above stated views in the provision of early childhood education today. (11 marks)
03. "It is essential to provide pre-school education to every child in pre school age in the present society"
- I. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer. (10 marks)
- II. Explain five (5) factors that hinder the provision of pre school education to all the pre school aged children in Sri Lanka. (15 marks)

04. Select any two (2) from the following and write short notes on them.
- I. Child rights
  - II. Day care centres
  - III. Kindergartens
  - IV. Socially disadvantage children in pre school age.
  - V. Pre School education in UK.
- (12-1/2 x 2 marks)
05. I. State five (5) traits/qualities that should be possessed by a good pre school teacher.
- (05 marks)
- II. Explain why you consider these traits/qualities as important to a good pre school teacher.
- (10 marks)
- III. Suggest four (4) measures that should be adopted to improve the quality of present programmes for education and training of pre school teachers.
- (10 marks)
06. I. Describe the historical development of pre school education in Sri Lanka.
- (10 marks)
- II. State two (2) educational principles that could be adopted in organizing pre school education.
- (05 marks)
- III. Explain citing examples how pre school education could be organized based on these principles.
- (10 marks)

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