THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

B.A IN ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - LEVEL 6

FINAL EXAMINATION - October 2015

PSYCHOLOGY OF LEARNING - ESU 4201

DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 15. 10. 2015 TIME: 1.30 pm. - 4.30pm.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN PART (I) and THREE FROM PART (II).

PART - I

1. Briefly explain the difference between the terms 'Psychology' and 'Educational Psychology'.
2. Name the four (04) main stages of a child's development.
3. "Adolescence is defined as a period of storm and stress". Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons with suitable examples.
4. Explain in brief the three (03) stages of development explained in Bruner's Theory.
5. Explain with examples two (02) techniques that facilitate remembering.
6. Explain the two principles that apply to trial and error learning.
7. Explain in brief the three (03) main fields that influence learning in individuals as mentioned in Field theory.
8. Describe four (04) steps of observational learning explained by Bandura .

(40 marks)

PART - II

9. i) Define the term 'emotions' in your own words.

(04 marks)

ii) Citing examples, discuss how emotions affect the cognitive development of a child.

(08 marks)

iii) Propose what action the teacher should take in relation to a primary school child who generally exhibits unwholesome emotions.

(08 marks)

10. i) Explain the main Principles of Vygotsky's theory of cognitive development.

(10 marks)

(ii) Explain the role of the teacher in cognitive development of children according to Vygotsky's theory.

(10 marks)

11. (i) Explain the term 'maturity'.

(04 marks)

(ii) Explain the inter – relationship that exists between maturity and learning.

(08 marks)

(iii) Describe how the development of motor skills is affected by maturity.

(08 marks)

12. (i) Differentiate the concepts 'growth', 'development' and 'total development'.

(06 marks)

(ii) Explain the aspects which are considered under total development.

(04 marks)

(iii) Describe the influence of environment on growth and development.

(10 marks)

13. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following.

(i) Heredity and development.

(ii) The importance of Readiness in learning.

(iii) Theory of discovery learning.

(iv) The consequences of emotional stability.

(20 marks)

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