

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
FOUNDATIONAL STAGE EDUCATION
(PGDECFE)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2024

**MCD-002 : CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FOUNDATIONAL
STAGE EDUCATION—PART 1**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *There are three Sections—Sections A, B and
C. All Sections are compulsory.*

Section—A

Note : *Answer the following questions in about
600 words each. All questions are
compulsory. There is internal choice. In all
you have to answer three questions. $20 \times 3 = 60$*

1. Discuss the health, nutritional and educational status of children in India. Elaborate any *two* causes of this situation of children. 10+10

Or

Explain *one* concept each from any *two* of the following theorists and discuss the implication of each concept for planning play-based learning experiences for children during the early years. Give examples to support your answer :

10+10

- (i) Piaget
- (ii) Vygotsky
- (iii) Bruner
- (iv) Erikson

2. Compare teaching-learning in a developmentally appropriate practices classroom *vs.* traditional academic classroom with respect to the following, giving examples :

10+10

- (a) Seating arrangement
- (b) Approach to academics

Or

Explain, giving examples, any *four* features of an effective curriculum.

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3. Explain, how each of the following contribute towards nurturing development of children in a preschool centre :

(a) Setting up discovery areas

(b) Organizing a trip

Support your answer by giving examples of two discovery areas and two locations for trips appropriate for preschool children. 10+10

Or

Discuss the concept of 'educaring'. Describe *four* play activities for infants between birth to six months of age and explain how each activity fosters development in multiple domains. 8+12

Section—B

Note : *Answer any **three** of the following questions in about **300** words each.* 3×10=30

4. Explain what is meant by 'need for stimulation and play' and 'need for love and nurturance' and the importance of meeting these needs during the early childhood years. 10

5. Discuss any *four* principles of formulating daily schedule for a preschool centre, giving examples. 10
6. Explain the significance of including story telling in the curriculum for young children. 10
7. Describe *one* activity each that you will carry out with 4 year olds to develop the concepts of shape, space and size. 10
8. Explain the advantages and limitations of the 'Project Approach' to curriculum planning. 10

Section—C

9. Write short notes on any *two* of the following in about **150** words each : $5 \times 2 = 10$
 - (a) Teacher initiated activities
 - (b) Emergent Mathematics
 - (c) Anecdotal records
 - (d) Utilizing the 'Teachable Moment'

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