

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD AND  
FOUNDATIONAL STAGE  
EDUCATION (PGDECFE)  
Term-End Examination**

**June, 2025**

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

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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

(ii) *There are internal choice in each Section.*

(iii) *Answer each 20 mark question in about 1200 words.*

(iv) *Answer each 10 mark question in about 800 words.*

(v) *Answer each 5 mark question in about 400 words.*

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**Section—A**

**Note :** *All questions are compulsory. There are internal choice in each question. In all you have to answer **three** questions. Wherever a question has sub-parts, both the sub-parts together are considered as one question.*

1. Critically examine the provision of ECCE services in India across the public and private sector. 20

*Or*

Explain, what is Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP). Discuss any *three* features of developmentally appropriate practices. 20

2. Explain *three* reasons why written and oral tests are not appropriate methods of assessing young children. Discuss any *two* developmentally appropriate methods that can be used for assessment. 20

*Or*

- (a) Discuss any *four* reasons for including music and movement activities in the curriculum of young children. 10
  - (b) State *five* features to be considered when selecting a story book for preprimary children giving examples. 10
3. What is a theme-based approach in curriculum planning ? Explain the various steps in planning a theme-based curriculum.

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*Or*

- (a) Discuss any *four* common problems with language teaching practices in preschools with the help of examples, explaining how these affect children's learning. 10
- (b) Describe *four* strategies that can be used to develop and strengthen children's oral skills. 10

### Section—B

**Note :** Answer any *three* out of five questions.

4. Explain, what is an emergent curriculum. List *two* advantages and *two* disadvantages of an emergent curriculum. 10

5. Discuss any *three* features of learning and education in early years as per the Waldorf approach of Rudolf Steiner. 10
6. Explain how play fosters children's development across all developmental domains. 10
7. What makes stories and dramatic play a good learning tool in the curriculum ? 10
8. Keeping play-based learning in mind create *two* play activities on any *one* of the following topics : 10
  - (a) Plants
  - (b) Seasons
  - (c) Day and night

### Section—C

9. Write on any *two* of the following : 5×2=10
  - (a) *Four* aspects of phonological awareness
  - (b) Needs of children
  - (c) Strengths and challenges of Project Approach
  - (d) Educaring

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