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INSTITUTION BASED PROGRAMME
DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHEOR OF
EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES)
ECE 210: MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

DATE: Friday 4th May, 2012

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

SECTION A : SHORT ANSWERS – (30 MARKS)

- *Answer ALL questions.*
 - *Each question carries five marks.*
1. With relevant examples briefly define the following concepts:
 - (i) Marionette puppets
 - (ii) Easel painting
 - (iii) Aesthetic appeal
 - (iv) Thematic approach
 - (v) Versatility [5 marks]
 2. (i) Differentiate between assimilation and accommodation according to Jean Piaget. [2 marks]
(ii) Write down three reasons why children's work should be displayed. [3 marks]
 3. Outline five methods you would use to safely store learning materials. [5 marks]
 4. (i) Define the term "puppet". [1 mark]
(ii) List down four functions that puppets serve to your pre-school children. [4 marks]
 5. Briefly explain giving five ways through which children learn. [5 marks]

6. (i) List down six permanently fixed outdoor equipment commonly used in pre-schools. [3 marks]
- (ii) Write down two main reasons why teachers and caregivers should regularly assess and evaluate outdoor equipment. [2 marks]

SECTION B: LONG ANSWERS – (40 MARKS)

- *Attempt any TWO questions.*
- *Each question carries 20 marks.*

7. (a) A parent that has just received his/her first born baby is seeking advice on the type of furniture and materials she should buy for the young one. State five areas he/she should consider. [10 marks]
- (b) It is important for pre-school teachers to introduce block play to their learners. Giving five reasons state why this is so. [10 marks]
8. (a) You have just started a new pre-school. Describe five sources through which you would get teaching materials. [10 marks]
- (b) Should you have an untrained ECE teacher posted to your school, explain five points you may use to convince her that teaching/learning materials enhance growth and development of infants and children. [10 marks]
9. (a) Assume that you are a pre-school teacher planning material development workshop for your class. Explain in details five characteristics you would consider as you carry out the exercise. [10 marks]
- (b) Having developed a number of teaching/learning materials for your class, describe five ways you can use to care for them. [10 marks]
10. (a) As an ECD teacher you would like to enhance creativity in your learners. In details describe five strategies you would use to ensure that learners are creative enough. [10 marks]
- (b) You are planning a Creative Activity class on the topic “colouring”. Incase the school does not have colours explain what you would do to improvise five different colours. [10 marks]

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