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ECE 045: INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL METHODS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

DATE: SUNDAY, 3RD MAY 2015

TIME: 8.00 A.M. – 10.00 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION A: SHORT ANSWERS (30 MARKS)

- Answer ALL Questions
- Each question carries 5 Marks

1. Using relevant examples briefly define the following concepts:

- i. Constructivism
- ii. Individual differences
- iii. Convergent and divergent thinking
- iv. Schemes of work and lesson plan
- v. Heuristic teaching strategies. (5 marks)

2. i) Differentiate between inductive and deductive teaching. (1 mark)

ii) Cite four follow-up activities you would give your pre-school class after a story telling activity. (4 marks)

3. Write down five activities that children get involved in as the construct ideas. (5 marks)

4. Briefly explain five ways through which children learn. (5 marks)

5.i) Write down any four ways in which thematic learning approaches turns out to be advantageous to the learners. (4 marks)

ii) Briefly explain why it is important for teachers to scheme work and plan every term even activity areas they have worked over the years. (1 mark)

- b.i) Clearly state why it is important to foster ECD children's exploration, discovery, skill creativity and self expression abilities as they learn.
- ii) Explain four different activities you would conduct in your pre-school class to enhance national unity among the learners.

SECTION B: LONG ANSWERS (40 MARKS)

- Attempt any TWO questions
 - Each question carries 20 Marks
- 7.a) In case you are handling a theme "water" with a pre-school class, describe three activities you would cover in each of the following activity area: Maths, Language, Social and Science activities.
- b) At the beginning of each school term, a pre-school teacher must choose themes to cover with his/her class. With examples explain in details three factors which should guide her choice of themes.
- 8.a) According to Albert Bandura's theory of human learning, teachers and caregivers play a very important role in enhancing ideal teaching of young children. Describe five ways in which they (teachers and caregivers) should conduct themselves to make teaching effective. (10 marks)
- b) Assume that you are handling a very dull class that is not ready to learn at all, explain giving five methods you would use to motivate and sustain it. (10 marks)
9. Your County Director of Education has invited you to address all pre-school teachers in the county on the topic "Assessment Guidelines for ECD teachers". With examples describe ten areas you would touch on. (20 marks)
- 10.a) You have been posted to a newly started pre-school explain five ways you would use to ensure that children's classroom environment is organized well enough to promote effective learning. (15 marks)
- b) List down five main work areas you would include in each classroom. (5 marks)