

**FINAL EXAMINATION****BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (HONOURS)****COURSE : PLAY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION****COURSE CODE : ECC1013****DURATION : 3 HOURS****INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. This question paper consists of **THREE (3)** parts : PART A (10 questions)
: PART B (3 questions)
: PART C (2 questions)
2. Answer **ALL** questions from PART A, PART B and PART C in the Answer Booklet provided.
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PART A: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Answer ALL questions.

1. Which type of play **BEST** supports both self-confidence and peer interaction?
 - A. Independent coloring only
 - B. Completing worksheets individually
 - C. Group construction or role-play activities
 - D. Listening to instructions quietly without interaction

2. Play helps children develop language skills mainly through _____.
 - A. conversations
 - B. listening to lectures
 - C. memorizing textbooks
 - D. writing examinations

3. Why is play considered an effective learning method for preschool children?
 - A. It replaces teacher guidance completely
 - B. It forces children to follow strict academic instructions
 - C. It focuses only on entertainment without learning value
 - D. It allows children to learn naturally through exploration and experience

4. A preschool wants to redesign its classroom environment to encourage independent learning. Which arrangement **BEST** supports this goal?
 - A. Storing all materials in locked teacher cabinets
 - B. Allowing access to materials only during teacher instruction
 - C. Placing labelled materials at children's reachable height levels
 - D. Providing only teacher-selected learning materials for children

5. A teacher allows children to choose their own activities, play partners, and materials during free play time to encourage independence and creativity. Which characteristic of play is being applied?
 - A. Freedom of choice
 - B. Structured assessment
 - C. Teacher-directed learning
 - D. Product-oriented learning

6. A teacher wants to strengthen children's problem-solving skills through play. Which activity would **BEST** support this objective?
- A. Providing building blocks for constructing structures
 - B. Giving worksheets with matching pictures and words
 - C. Asking children to copy drawings from classroom posters
 - D. Asking children to listen quietly during storytelling sessions
7. Ravi enjoys stacking blocks, fitting puzzle pieces, and pouring sand into containers to see how objects work. Which theory best explains Ravi's learning through play?
- A. Instinct Theory
 - B. Relaxation Theory
 - C. Manipulative Theory
 - D. Psychodynamic Theory
8. Which play activity mainly supports social skills such as teamwork and negotiation?
- A. Sensory play
 - B. Constructive play
 - C. Manipulative play
 - D. Cooperative social play
9. According to Herbert Spencer, play occurs because children_____.
- A. learn social rules
 - B. need to prepare for school
 - C. want to follow adult instructions
 - D. need to release excess physical energy
10. A teacher observes that children prefer playing alone even during group play sessions. What is the **MOST** appropriate teacher response?
- A. Force children to join group activities immediately
 - B. Gradually introduce cooperative play opportunities
 - C. Remove individual play activities from the classroom
 - D. Inform parents that children have social development problems

(TOTAL: 10 MARKS)

PART B: STRUCTURED

Answer ALL questions.

QUESTION 1

Effective assessment in play-based learning must follow specific principles.

- a. State **FIVE (5)** principles of effective assessment in early childhood play.
(5 marks)
- b. Explain **TWO (2)** principles and describe why they are important in early childhood setting.
(5 marks)

(Total: 10 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a. Explain **FOUR (4)** criteria that should be considered when selecting materials for early childhood education in kindergarten.
(8 marks)
- b. Classify learning materials into **FOUR (4)** categories and provide **ONE (1)** example for each category.
(8 marks)
- c. Discuss why proper classification of materials is important in early childhood settings.
(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a. Explain the importance of play in developing gross motor skills in young children. Provide **TWO (2)** suitable play activity examples used in early childhood setting.

(8 marks)

- b. Explain how play activities help develop fine motor skills in young children. Provide **TWO (2)** suitable play activity examples.

(8 marks)

- c. Describe **TWO (2)** ways teachers can observe and support motor skill development during play activities.

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

(TOTAL: 50 MARKS)

Answer ALL questions.

QUESTION 1

Play is important for young children's development in areas such as physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and language skills. Discuss the different types of play and explain the role of the teacher in supporting meaningful play activities in preschool settings. In your answer, provide relevant examples to support your discussion

(20 marks)

QUESTION 2

Play is essential in early childhood development. Discuss how children's social development progresses through the different types of play according to Mildred Parten's stages of play.

(20 marks)

(TOTAL: 40 MARKS)

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