

**FINAL EXAMINATION****BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (HONOURS)**

**COURSE : LAW AND ADVOCACY IN EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

COURSE CODE : ECM1053

DURATION : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. This question paper consists of **THREE (3)** parts: PART A (20 questions)
PART B (2 questions)
PART C (2 questions)
2. Answer **ALL** questions from PART A, PART B and PART C.
 - i. Answer PART A in the Objective Answer Sheet.
 - ii. Answer PART B and C in the Answer Booklet provided.
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 - i. The Question Paper
 - ii. An Objective Answer Sheet
 - iii. An Answer Booklet
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PART A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

Answer ALL questions.

1. A 10-year-old child intentionally damages school property. The school principal insists the child should be prosecuted immediately in a criminal court.

Based on the Children Act 2001 read together with the Penal Code (Section 82 & 83), which statement **BEST** reflects the correct legal position?

- A. The child must be prosecuted as an adult offender.
 - B. The child must be imprisoned to deter future misconduct.
 - C. The child is automatically guilty because intention was proven.
 - D. The child may only be liable if proven capable of understanding the nature and consequences of the act.
2. The Children Act 2001 emphasizes protection and welfare over punishment. Which of the following elements reflect the core framework of the Act?
- i. Best interest of the child principle
 - ii. Protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation
 - iii. Rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law
 - iv. Mandatory adult-style punishment for serious offences
- A. i and ii only
 - B. i, ii and iii only
 - C. ii, iii and iv only
 - D. i, ii, iii and iv
3. A preschool teacher observes repeated signs of neglect: a child frequently arrives hungry, unclean, and emotionally withdrawn. The teacher hesitates to report to avoid conflict with parents.

From a legal reasoning perspective, which action is **MOST** consistent with Act 611?

- A. Maintain confidentiality and take no further action
- B. Wait for stronger physical evidence before reporting
- C. Privately warn the parents without documentation
- D. Report suspicion to Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) or relevant authorities

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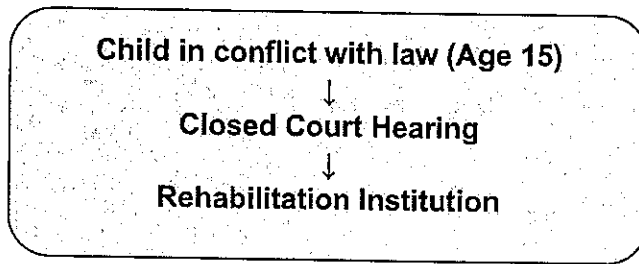


Diagram 1.0

Based on Diagram 1.0, which principle of the Children Act 2001 is MOST clearly demonstrated?

- A. Public trial transparency
- B. Deterrence through open punishment
- C. Protection of child identity and rehabilitation focus
- D. Adult sentencing equivalence

5. A TASKA operates in a renovated terrace house. During inspection, JKM officers find:

- Fire extinguishers installed
- Adequate ventilation
- Staff without Kursus Asuhan PERMATA (KAP) certification
- Child-caregiver ratio exceeding permitted standard

Which of the following constitute non-compliance under Act 308?

- i. Operating in residential building
- ii. Lack of certified caregiver training
- iii. Non-compliance with child-caregiver ratio
- iv. Failure to meet regulatory staffing requirements

- A. i and ii only
- B. i, ii and iv only
- C. ii, iii and iii only
- D. i, ii, iii and iv

6. A home-based childcare provider cares for five toddlers from different families and charges fees but refuses to register, claiming it is "private service." Legally, this action _____.

- A. falls under education act 1996
- B. is permissible if parents' consent
- C. constitutes an offence under act 308
- D. is exempted under family arrangement exception

7. Under Act 506, which premises are exempted from registration requirements?
- i. Government hospital wards
 - ii. Registered TASKA under Act 308
 - iii. Schools under the Education Act 1996
 - iv. Private elderly residential care centre
- A. i and ii only
B. i, ii and iii only
C. ii, iii and iv only
D. i, ii, iii and iv
8. JKM receives complaint of poor hygiene and overcrowding in a residential care centre. Under Act 506, authorized officers may?
- A. Provide verbal advice only
B. Transfer residents immediately
C. Close centre without investigation
D. Enter premises and conduct inspection
9. Which of the following are included within the National Education System?
- i. Primary education
 - ii. Secondary education
 - iii. Pre-school education
 - iv. International expatriate schools
- A. i and ii only
B. i, ii and iii only
C. ii, iii and iv only
D. i, ii, iii and iv
10. A private kindergarten introduces alternative pedagogy but refuses to implement the National Pre-School Curriculum (KSPK). From a legal compliance perspective, this action _____.
- A. falls under CRC authority
B. is acceptable if parents agree
C. violates mandatory curriculum requirement
D. is allowed under private institution autonomy

11. The Convention on the Rights of the Child is guided by four core principles. Which of the following are correctly identified? .
- i. Non-discrimination (Article 2)
 - ii. Child participation (Article 12)
 - iii. Best interest of the child (Article 3)
 - iv. Right to life, survival, and development (Article 6)
- A. i and ii only
 - B. i, ii and iii only
 - C. i, ii, iii and iv
 - D. ii and iv only
12. Malaysia ratified CRC in 1995. Ratification implies that _____.
- A. CRC replaces all Malaysian Acts
 - B. CRC is optional guideline only
 - C. CRC applies only to orphanages
 - D. Malaysia must harmonize national laws with CRC principles
13. A TASKA serves expired milk resulting in food poisoning among children. Under Act 281, which legal implications apply?
- i. Endangering public health
 - ii. Excusable if unintentionally done
 - iii. Commission of statutory offence
 - iv. Serving food unfit for human consumption
- A. i and ii only
 - B. i, ii and iii only
 - C. i, iii and iv only
 - D. i, ii, iii and iv
14. When investigating suspected contamination, MOH officers may?
- i. Enter premises
 - ii. Collect food samples
 - iii. Examine supplier documentation
 - iv. Order closure without evidence
- A. i and ii only
 - B. i, ii and iii only
 - C. ii and iv only
 - D. i, ii, iii and iv

15. Programme Standards for ECE aim to ensure?

- A. Informal childcare training only
- B. Uniform national curriculum only
- C. Replacement of national policies
- D. Quality assurance in curriculum, assessment, academic staff, and resources

16. Which qualification level emphasizes leadership, research, and policy analysis in ECE?

- A. Certificate (MQF Level 3)
- B. Diploma (MQF Level 4)
- C. Bachelor (MQF Level 6)
- D. Master's (MQF Level 7)

17. A preschool refuses admission to a child with visual impairment citing lack of facilities.
This may violate _____.

- A. Food Act 1983
- B. Education Act 1996
- C. Infectious Diseases Act 1988
- D. Persons with Disabilities Act 2008

18. Under Act 685, disability is defined as _____.

- A. minor injury
- B. temporary illness
- C. academic weakness
- D. long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairment

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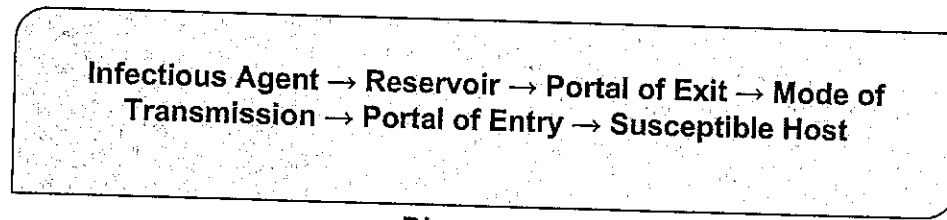


Diagram 2.0

Which stage is **MOST** directly disrupted by consistent handwashing practices in childcare centres?

- A. Reservoir
- B. Infectious agent
- C. Susceptible host
- D. Mode of transmission

20. The primary purpose of the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 is to?

- A. Regulate curriculum
- B. Punish sick individuals
- C. Promote vaccination campaigns only
- D. Provide legal framework to prevent and control disease spread

(TOTAL: 20 MARKS)

PART B: SHORT STRUCTURED**Answer ALL questions.****QUESTION 1**

A 12-year-old child is caught stealing food from a convenience store. During investigation, it is discovered that the child has been frequently left unattended at home and may be experiencing neglect. The store owner demands strict punishment, while a social worker recommends rehabilitation.

- a. Explain **TWO (2)** legal considerations regarding criminal responsibility of children under the Children Act 2001 and the Penal Code.
(4 marks)
- b. Describe **THREE (3)** principles under the Children Act 2001 that should guide the Court for Children in deciding this case.
(6 marks)
- c. As an early childhood educator, explain **FIVE (5)** professional and legal responsibilities you have if you suspect neglect under Act 611.
(10 marks)

(Total: 20 Marks)

QUESTION 2

A private preschool refuses admission to a 5-year-old child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), claiming the school lacks trained staff and appropriate facilities. The parents argue that the refusal violates the child's legal rights.

- a. Define the legal meaning of 'person with disability' under ACT 685 with examples.
(4 marks)
- b. Discuss **THREE (3)** educational rights guaranteed under Section 28 of the Persons with Disabilities Act 2008.
(6 marks)

- c. Describe **FIVE (5)** reasonable accommodations the preschool should consider complying with Act 685.

(10 marks)

(Total: 20 Marks)

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PART C: ESSAY

Answer ALL questions.

QUESTION 1

The Programme Standards for Early Childhood Education aim to produce competent, ethical, and professionally qualified early childhood educators capable of functioning at national and global levels. The learning outcomes are structured into eight domains to ensure holistic professional development.

Describe **FIVE (5)** domains of learning outcomes in The Programme Standards.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 2

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) recognizes children as independent rights-holders and provides a universal framework for child protection, participation, and development.

Discuss **FOUR (4)** core principles of Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and provide examples.

(20 Marks)

(TOTAL: 40 MARKS)

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