



BOTSWANA COLLEGE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING

Diploma in Integrated Early Childhood Development

SUBJECT NAME: ENVIRONMENTS FOR LEARNING

SUBJECT CODE: EF 201

Year 2 Semester 1

SPECIAL EXAMINATION

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Marks – 100

SECTION A: STRUCTURED QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

Instruction: Answer all questions in this section.

1. Explain why an early years' learning environment should:
 - a) Be democratic (2 marks)
 - b) Have enough space (2 marks)
 - c) Speak for itself (2 marks)
2. Briefly discuss any two activities that practitioners can use to boost children's cognitive development. (4 marks)
3. How can the factors below contribute to the building of a positive school ethos?
 - a) (a) Staff relationships. (2 marks)
 - b) (b) Rules and regulations. (2 marks)
4. Why is it important to encourage divergent thinking in early learning? (2 marks)
5. With one example for each, differentiate between an 'inclusive environment' and a 'nurturing environment'. (4 marks)
6. State any benefit of child conferencing. (2 marks)
7. Briefly discuss any two (2) positive contributions that parents can make towards a school. (4 marks)
8. Why is experimentation an important skill in creative activities? (2 marks)
9. State three ways you would use to involve children in decision making. (6 marks)
10. Briefly discuss how each of the following may positively contribute to childrens' cognitive development.
 - a) Media (2 marks)
 - b) Sports (2 marks)
 - c) Field trips (2 marks)

SECTION B:**CASE STUDY****(20 MARKS)****INSTRUCTIONS: Answer only one (1) case study from this section.****Case Study 1****(20 marks)**

A parent had bought a toy for a three year old child and was anxiously waiting to give it to the child when he arrives from the day care centre. When the child finally came, the parent came up with the toy and said, "baby, look at what I bought you today". The child turned with excitement to receive the toy but screamed, 'No! No! No!' Please take that away! I don't like it!' then broke into tears.

Questions

1. State any three reasons that could have made the child to scream and cry.
(6 marks)
2. Why is it important to involve children in making a choice of toys to buy for them?
(2 marks)
3. Explain two ways through which parents can partner with practitioners to transform the home into a learning environment.
(4 marks)
4. Describe any three learning activities to show how toys can be used to aid children's emotional development.
(6 marks)
5. Briefly discuss any two (2) factors that should be considered when buying toys for children.
(2 marks)

Case Study 2

It was a cool Saturday morning, the day which has been long set by the Ding Dong Children's centre as the family fun day. Both parents and children came on time and were waiting for the programme to start. After waiting for two hours one of the centre's practitioners appeared and asked, 'Why are you all people here?' One of the parents replied, 'For the family Fun Day' The practitioner replied in shock, 'But we sent a memo to cancel it yesterday'

Questions

1. State any three things that would have happened to stop the information to reach parents.
(6 marks)
2. Suggest any two (2) possible ways that should have been used to make sure that the message reached parents on time.
(4 marks)
3. With an example, explain how this incident (failure of the family fun day) could ruin the relationship between the centre and parents.
(3 marks)

4. What contribution can the incident make on the centre's image? (2 marks)

5. a) Who do you hold responsible for this mess? (1 mark)

b) Give two (2) reasons why the person mentioned above should be held responsible? (4 marks)

SECTION C: ESSAY QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

**INSTRUCTION: Answer any two (2) questions from this section.
Each question carries 20 marks.**

Mark schedule:

Introduction: 2 marks

Body: 4x4=16 marks

Conclusion: 2 marks

Question 1

With one relevant example for each, discuss four (4) reasons to show why it is important to 'listen' to children.

Question 2

Discuss four (4) ways of involving parents in the learning of their children.

Question 3

Using examples from your experience discuss the following four (4) aspects to consider when arranging your children's indoor learning area.

- a) Floor area
- b) Ceiling area
- c) Wall area
- d) Furniture

Introduction: (2 marks)

Body: (16 marks)

Conclusion: (2 marks)

All The Best!!!