

BOTSWANA COLLEGE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION – PRIMARY

COURSE: LIFE CRISES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

CC 211

SESSIONAL EXAMINATION

MARKS: 100

DURATION: 3 hours

Instructions to students:

1. The examination consist of **Three** sections: A, B and C
 2. Begin each answer to a new question on a new page
 3. Answer all the questions according to instructions given in each section
 4. Answer all questions in the booklet provided
 5. Complete all details as required by the answer booklet
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1. What is a life crisis? **(3 marks)**

2. List any four (4) causes of crisis situations. **(4 marks)**

3. Why is it necessary to resolve crisis situations among school going children? **(3 marks)**

4. In what two (2) ways may a crisis intervener or helper foster a meaningful working relationship with a child undergoing crisis? **(4 marks)**

5. Identify any one (1) theory that may inform a teacher on the resolution of crisis events among learners. **(2 marks)**

6. Outline five (5) steps that a school may adopt as psychological first aid for learners facing crisis situations. **(10 marks)**

7. Explain the difference between empathy and sympathy. **(4 marks)**

8. Briefly outline the purpose of an interview in the resolution of a crisis. **(4 marks)**



9. Explain the role of pre-interview factors during crisis intervention. **(2 marks)**

10. Explain in three (3) ways how an intervener may be expected to conduct himself / herself during the first interview session to ensure a workable relationship with a child in crisis. **(6 marks)**

11. Briefly explain any three (3) challenges that may be experienced in your current school towards the provision of effective psychological support. **(6 marks)**

12. Give two (2) examples of physical symptoms experienced by a child in crisis. **(2 marks)**

SECTION B (Case study)

Carefully read the case study below and answer questions that follow.

Onalenna and her younger brother Puso both attend school at Robelela Primary School. One day, their single parent mother who has been a nurse at the local health post got involved in a tragic accident after the vehicle they were travelling on hit a cow along the road and overturned. After their mother's funeral there was a lot of infighting and quarrelling among the family members over their mother's property. Onalenna and her brother were later separated as each of them was made to go and stay with the relatives in different places.

Questions

1. Explain four (4) events that may precipitate crises in the case study above. **(8 marks)**

2. Give two (2) examples of scenarios that may be used for the identification of child in crisis. **(4 marks)**

3. Why is it important to assess a crisis? **(3 marks)**

4. What kind of behaviour may be anticipated from a child going through a crisis? **(3 marks)**

5. Briefly outline three (3) effective crisis assessment techniques. **(6 marks)**

6. What may an intervenors do in a delicate situation that they may not be able to handle? **(3 mark)**

7. Identify three feelings likely to be experienced by children going through crisis. **(3 marks)**

SECTION C (Short essays)



Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. Briefly explain in five (5) ways how behavioural problems may affect children. **(10 marks)**

2. Briefly discuss any five (5) symptoms of Attention Deficit and Hyper-activity Disorder (ADHD) among children. **(10 marks)**
