

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
FOUNDATIONAL STAGE
EDUCATION (PGDECFE)
Term-End Examination**

June, 2026

**MCD-002 : CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
FOUNDATIONAL STAGE EDUCATION—I**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Attempt any **five** questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Differentiate between the terms 'Early Childhood Education', 'Early Childhood Care', 'Early Childhood Care and Education' and 'Early Childhood Development'. 4×3=12

- (b) Discuss any *two* reasons for poor quality of ECCE services in the country. 8
2. (a) Explain what is meant by play-based learning, giving examples. 15
- (b) Identify any *one* pioneer in the field of early childhood education and list his/her main contributions to the field. 5
3. (a) Suggest *one* developmentally appropriate early stimulation activity for each of the following groups of children : 15
- (i) Promoting cognitive development of children in the age group 6-12 months
- (ii) Promoting social and emotional development of children in the age group birth to 6 months
- (iii) Promoting language development during toddlerhood
- (b) Explain what is meant by 'educaring'. 5

4. (a) Explain what is phonological awareness ?
Describe one activity each to foster
phonological awareness : $3 \times 4 = 12$
- (i) at the level of 'word'
 - (ii) at the level of 'syllable'
 - (iii) at the level of 'phoneme'
- (b) What is the bilingual approach for
teaching of English ? Explain by giving
one example of an activity for 5 year
old. $4 + 4$
5. (a) Define the term 'curriculum'. Explain
any *one* of the following, giving
examples : $2 + 10$
- (i) Theme-based curriculum
 - (ii) Integrated curriculum
 - (iii) Emergent curriculum
- (b) Should oral and written tests be used as
a method of assessing children's
learning ? Discuss. 8
6. (a) What is meant by emergent
mathematics ? Explain. 5

- (b) Describe any *three* activities to develop the concept of emergent mathematics in a 4-year old child. State the specific aspect of emergent mathematics that is being fostered through the activity.

3×3=9

- (c) Discuss any *three* parameters you will keep in mind when selecting children's story books.

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7. (a) Discuss any *four* principles which will enable an early childhood educator to nurture children's creativity in a pre-primary classroom.

4×3=12

- (b) A teacher planned a trip to the potter's shop for her group of 5 year old children. What are the learning opportunities the teacher can plan before, during and after the trip ?

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