

**Autumn Semester Examination – 2017**  
**Paro College of Education**  
**Royal University of Bhutan**

**Module:** EDN417 (Foundations of Early Childhood Education) **Program:** B.Ed (P) **Level:** IV  
**Writing Time:** Three Hours **Full Marks:** 100

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**Instructions:** Do not write during the first **FIFTEEN** minutes; use this time for reading the questions. You will get full three hours for answering the questions. Write the answers to all the questions in the answer sheets provided by the college. Read the directions carefully before answering the questions.

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**SECTION A**  
**10 Questions- 20 Marks**

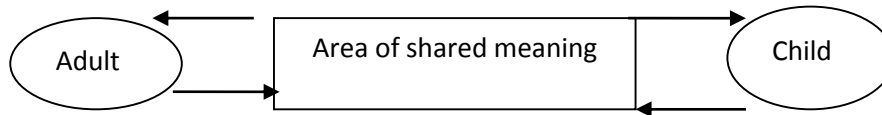
**Question 1.**

**Direction:** From a choice of four answers, choose the correct answer and write in the answer booklet.

- a. What does the acronym DAP stand for?
  - A. Developmentally Associate Program
  - B. Developmentally Appropriate Practice
  - C. Developmentally Appropriate Program
  - D. Developmentally Appropriate Plan
- b. Which of the following is NOT a long-term consequence of early childhood education?
  - A. Better success rates among low-income students
  - B. Increased high school graduation rates
  - C. Higher IQ
  - D. Decreased crime
- c. Early childhood teachers are the key to promoting meaningful play that promotes learning. In order to support a quality play curriculum, early childhood teachers should
  - A. plan for specific learning activities to match the children's developmental needs.
  - B. observe children's play.
  - C. supervise and participate in children's play.
  - D. all of the above
- d. Early Learning and Development Standards(ELDS) of Bhutan has
  - A. Four developmental domains.
  - B. Five developmental domains.
  - C. Six developmental domains.
  - D. Seven developmental domains.

- e. The diagrams below show different types of interaction between an adult and child. In which interaction would the co-construction of knowledge take place?

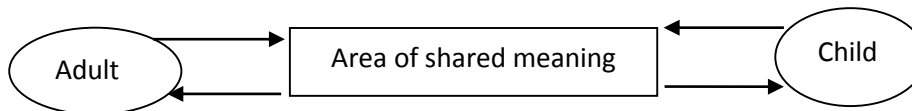
I. Adult and child equal partners in interactions



II. Adult-directed interactions



III. Child-directed interactions



- A. I  
B. II  
C. I & II  
D. I & III
- f. In your first class, your tutor states, “Early childhood teachers are not glorified babysitters; they are committed to the care and education of young children.” Which theme of early childhood teacher training does his/her comment reflect?
- A. Reflective thinking  
B. Professionalism  
C. Multiculturalism  
D. Holism
- g. The ratio is a critical part of running an early childhood care and development (ECCD) service to meet the requirements of the ECCD Regulation. What is the ideal ratio of teacher to children in the Bhutanese ECCD Centre?
- A. 1:10  
B. 1:15  
C. 1:8  
D. 1:12

- h. Two mothers are arguing about the best way to teach children addition. One mother says "You have to start early and keep giving them practice problems. You have to correct them when they are wrong and reward them when they are right." The other mother says "Children need to figure math out for themselves. You can help them by talking to them about their experiences, but drilling them and rewarding them won't help them figure it out." The attitude of the second mother best matches with
- A. Vygotskian views.
  - B. Behaviourist views.
  - C. Montessori views.
  - D. Piagetian views.
- i. Being aware of the differences in development and individual children's strengths and challenges allows early childhood educators to
- A. support children's age appropriate risk taking within safe boundaries.
  - B. maintain a safe, healthy environment and careful supervision.
  - C. plan curriculum that will meet each child's developmental needs.
  - D. encourage self-direction and self-control within the children.
- j. Ms. Dawa of Shari Early Learning Center observes and records Jigsaw Choden discussing with her friends on how to build a house with the blocks. She even takes photographs of Jigsaw Choden building a house with her friends in the block corner and pastes it alongside the narratives describing Jigsaw Choden's play. The observation sheet Ms. Nima uses has space for parents' comments. The observation tool Ms. Nima uses is known as
- A. anecdotal record.
  - B. running record.
  - C. learning stories.
  - D. event sampling.

**SECTION B**  
**Six Questions- 30 Marks**  
**Answer ALL Questions**

**Question 2**

**Write brief notes on the following topics**

- a. Scaffolding
- b. Community of Learners
- c. Co-construction
- d. Developmentally Appropriate Practices

- e. Window of opportunity
- f. Culturally responsive classrooms

**SECTION C**  
**Five Questions – 50 marks**

**Directions:** From the **SIX** questions, choose any **FIVE**. Each question carries **TEN** marks.

**Question 3** **(5+5)**

Te Whariki, Early Years Learning Framework, Early Years Foundation Stage and Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS) emphasizes the importance of partnership with parents, families and communities.

- a. Explain the importance of forging a positive relationship between ECCD center, parents, families and communities.
- b. What would you do to establish such partnership?

**Question 4** **(10)**

Kuensel issue of 30th September, 2015 reports, "The first and the only private ECCD in Trashigang town confronted with poor support from parents and eventually had to shut down." Education officials pointed out lack of awareness as one of the reasons among parents on the importance of early investment in children's development. If you were to create awareness among parents and change their attitude towards ECCD, what do you think will be most important to cover in awareness programme? Explain.

**Question 5** **(10)**

Explain FIVE benefits of ECCD. The benefits should be grouped into TWO, namely for the child and for the country.

**Question 6** **(10)**

Analyse four conditions of power which influences children's construction of meaning. Substantiate with relevant example each.

**Question 7** **(10)**

List down FOUR quality areas you would use to assess the quality of ECCD programme in the country. Justify your choice.

**Question 8** **(10)**

"Children's play should be the medium of learning in a preschool" Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons and examples to support your answer.