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M.Ed. Degree First Semester Examination, March 2025
(For the candidates admitted during the academic year 2024-2025)

**Level Based Specialization : CONTEXT, ISSUES AND
PRACTICES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND
EDUCATION**

Course code: MED1LSC01

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

SECTION A (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL the questions by selecting the appropriate answers.

1. A major objective of ECCE is
 - a) Improve examination preparation
 - b) Support overall growth and development
 - c) Limit peer interaction
 - d) Focus only on academics
2. Educational thinker who contributed significantly to early childhood education
 - a) Albert Einstein
 - b) Maria Montessori
 - c) Rabindranath Tagore
 - d) Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam
3. The kindergarten system is attributed to
 - a) Maria Montessori
 - b) Friedrich Froebel
 - c) Anutai Wagh
 - d) Gijubhai Badeka
4. The challenge that arises from the transition from home to preschool to primary school is
 - a) Increased focus on creative play
 - b) Difficulties in adapting to new environments
 - c) Lack of adequate classrooms
 - d) Excessive homework for preschoolers
5. The recognition and accreditation of ECCE programmes is important
 - a) To increase enrollment numbers
 - b) To ensure consistent standards and quality
 - c) To reduce teacher workloads
 - d) To implement rigid formal learning models
6. The teaching learning process in an ECCE centre must be based on
 - a) Play and discipline
 - b) Play and activities
 - c) Activities and memorization
 - d) Pay and Watch
7. An ECCE curriculum should focus on
 - a) Rote learning
 - b) Children's developmental needs
 - c) Competitive examinations
 - d) Advanced academic skills

8. McMillan sisters are
 - a) Margaret and Anne
 - b) Margaret and Rose
 - c) Margaret and Rachel
 - d) Margaret and Elizabeth
9. The tool that helps a teacher to observe children's progress in a natural setting is
 - a) Standardized tests
 - b) Observation records
 - c) Classwork grading
 - d) Progress report cards
10. The assessment during early childhood should focus on
 - a) Comparing children's achievements
 - b) Understanding each child's unique progress
 - c) Formal test scores
 - d) Classroom rankings

SECTION B (5 x 2 = 10 marks)

Answer all the FIVE questions in about 100 words each.

11. Describe the contributions of Gijubhai Badeka to Early Childhood Care and Education.
12. What are the major issues in Early Childhood Care and Education and how do they impact the quality of learning and development?
13. How can safety precautions be effectively implemented to ensure a secure learning environment in Early Childhood Care and Education?
14. List the methods of imparting sensory education in Childrens' House.
15. What are the key principles of early learning that should guide the ECCE curriculum?

SECTION C (6 x 5 = 30 marks)

Answer any SIX questions in about 200 words each.

16. Explain the importance of organizing different corners/areas in an ECCE centre.
17. Describe the objectives of ECCE for children from birth to eight years.
18. Elaborate the role of the New Education Policy (1986) in shaping ECCE in India.
19. Discuss the contributions of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programme to the development of ECCE in India.
20. Analyze the contemporary challenges related to mental health, screen time and nutrition during early childhood.
21. To what extent did the work of early missionaries contribute to the development of Early Childhood Care and Education and what are its impacts?
22. What are the reasons for extending the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) sub stage up to 8 years and how does it impact child development and learning outcomes?

23. How does maintaining child-related and material-related records enhance the effectiveness in Early Childhood Care and Education?

SECTION D (2 x 10 = 20 marks)

Answer BOTH the questions in about 500 words each.

24. a) Discuss the relevance of ECCE in the context of critical periods of development. Highlight the factors that influence development during this stage.
- (or)
- b) Explain the recommendations of NEP 2020 on Early Childhood Care and Education.
25. a) Analyze the process of planning programmes in ECCE settings by highlighting the importance of yearly, monthly, weekly and daily plans.
- (or)
- b) Analyze the various assessment tools and strategies used in ECCE settings, such as portfolios, checklists, anecdotal records, observation and holistic progress cards.

