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**N.V.K.S.D. COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
(AUTONOMOUS)

**M.Ed. Degree First Semester Examination, December 2025**  
(For the candidates admitted during the academic year 2025-2026)

**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. ECCE refers to education and care provided to children from  
a) 3 to 10 years    b) 0 to 8 years    c) 6 to 12 years    d) 8 to 14 years
2. The critical period of brain development in a child is during  
a) Adolescence    b) Infancy    c) Adulthood    d) Old age
3. The Balwadi programme was initiated by  
a) Gijubhai Badeka    b) Tarabai Modak    c) Anutai Wagh    d) Froebel
4. The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) was launched in the year  
a) 1968    b) 1972    c) 1975    d) 1986
5. The concept of 'play-way method' was introduced by  
a) Montessori    b) McMillan Sisters    c) Froebel    d) Piaget
6. The New Education Policy 2020 emphasizes ECCE for children in the age group of  
a) 3–8 years    b) 0–6 years    c) 0–8 years    d) 6–10 years
7. One of the major issues in ECCE is  
a) Excessive formal learning    b) Informal learning  
c) Experiential learning    d) Integrated learning
8. The main guiding principle of early childhood assessment is  
a) Comparison    b) Competition  
c) Continuous observation    d) Standardized testing
9. The activity that best supports sensory training in preschoolers is  
a) Copywriting    b) Sorting objects    c) Reading aloud    d) Dictation
10. Anecdotal records are mainly used for  
a) Assessing cognitive skills  
b) Recording observations of behaviour  
c) Measuring test scores    d) Maintaining attendance

### **SECTION B (5 x 2 = 10 marks)**

**Answer all the FIVE questions in about 100 words each.**

11. Enumerate the objectives of Early Childhood Care and Education.
12. Mention any two contributions of Tarabai Modak to early childhood education.
13. List the major issues of Early Childhood Care and Education in India.
14. State the need for maintaining records in ECCE centres.
15. What are the principles of early learning?

### **SECTION C (6 x 5 = 30 marks)**

**Answer any SIX questions in about 200 words each.**

16. Justify the significance of early childhood years as the foundation stage for lifelong learning.
17. Explain the principles involved in programme planning for children.
18. Evaluate the role of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in promoting ECCE in India.
19. Examine how sensory training enhances learning in preschool children.
20. Analyse the factors affecting early childhood development.
21. Write short notes on:  
a) Portfolio assessment    b) Anecdotal record
22. Explain the characteristics of an effective ECCE learning environment.
23. Discuss the importance of play in promoting physical and socio-emotional development.

### **SECTION D (2 x 10 = 20 marks)**

**Answer BOTH the questions in about 500 words each.**

24. a) Critically evaluate the impact of the National Education Policy (2020) on Early Childhood Care and Education. How does it redefine the goals and practices of ECCE in India?  
(Or)  
b) Explain the contribution of pioneers like Montessori and Froebel to ECCE. How can their approaches be harmonized in today's ECCE classrooms?
25. a) Critically analyze the essential features of an inclusive learning environment in ECCE classrooms for children with disabilities. How can teachers adapt the learning environment to ensure equal participation?  
(Or)  
b) Design and justify an ideal ECCE classroom layout with various learning areas and corners. Explain how each area supports holistic learning.