Bachelor’s Degree Programme (BDP)

Application Oriented Course
Organizing Child Care Services

ASSIGNMENT 1
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SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
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Dear Learners,

You will have to do one assignment as part of the Course ACC-1. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS COMPULSORY. The assignment has three parts—Section A, B and C. Section ‘A’ comprises theoretical questions and the other two Sections comprise practical exercises. The assignment carries 100 marks; 60 marks for Section A and 20 marks for each of the other two Sections.


We would advise you to actually do all the practical exercises contained in the Practical Manual. This will give you practice in applying theoretical concepts in real life and enable you to perform better the practical exercises that you need to submit for assessment.

SOME DO’S AND DONT’S ABOUT SENDING IN ASSIGNMENTS

**Some Do’s**

1) When you receive the assignment booklet, check it immediately and ask for the missing page(s), if any.

2) Submit your assignments regularly to your Study Centre. By doing so, you get a chance to do better in subsequent assignments, as you can benefit from your Counsellor’s comments on your submitted response sheets.
   
   - Maintain an account of the assignments sent to us and the corrected sheets received by you. This will help you maintain the schedule of your work and avoid the possibility of sending the same assignment a second time.

**Some Don’t’s**

1) Do not remind us to send back the corrected response sheets. These will be sent to you at the earliest possible.

2) Do not misplace/lose your graded assignments. You will need these till the Course is completed.

   - Do not enclose doubts for clarification along with the assignment. If you want to draw our attention to something of urgent/important nature, write to us separately. Give your roll number, name, address, the title of the Course, the number of the assignment, etc. on top of your letter.
INSTRUCTIONS

1) Write your roll number, name, full address and date on top right corner of the first page of your response sheets.

2) Write the Course title, assignment number and the name of the study centre you are attached to, in the center of the first page of your response sheets.

The top of the first page of your response sheets should look like this:

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Please follow the above format strictly. If you do not follow this format, we will be compelled to return your script to you for re-submission.

3) Read the instructions related to assignments printed in the Programme Guide.

- Please note that unless you submit the assignment contained in this booklet, within the stipulated time, you would not be permitted to appear for the term-end examination for the course.

- Submit Sections A, B and C of the assignment together, otherwise your assignment would be returned to you without being evaluated.
Answer all questions.

1) a) Describe any five factors which influence children’s play? Explain giving examples from everyday life.

b) Explain why infancy and early childhood are considered to be most significant in the life of an individual. (5 × 2 = 10 marks)

2. a) Define the following:
   i) Egocentrism
   ii) Firm and affectionate Parenting
   iii) Anecdotal Records for evaluating children
   iv) Socialization (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

b) Describe one play activity that you will carry out to:
   i) Foster creativity among 3 year olds
   ii) Foster reasoning ability among 4 year olds
   iii) Foster autonomy among 2 ½ year olds
   iv) Foster gross motor development during infancy
   For each activity, mention its content and the material required. (4 × 4 = 16 marks)

3) Describe the stages of language acquisition during infancy? How can you, as a caregiver, help the infant acquire language? (5 + 5 = 10 marks)

4. Write short notes on the following:
   i) Environmental factors that influence prenatal development
   ii) Services provided under the ICDS programme
   iii) Gender Identity among preschoolers
   iv) Important attributes of a caregiver in a child care centre
   v) Supports for story telling (3 × 5 = 15 marks)

5) As a preschool educator, you have decided to generate awareness among parents on the topic of “health and nutrition for preschool children”.
   a) State any two important aspects related to this topic that you will communicate with the parents
   b) Describe the methods you will use to communicate these aspects to the parents. (2 + 3 = 5 marks)
In this Section you are expected to do any one of the practical exercises related to observing children. Choose any exercise out of Exercises 4, 6 and 7 described in the Practical Manual of this course i.e., ACC-1 and submit it to the Counsellor for evaluation.

It would be useful for you if you were to do all the three exercises. This would give you practice in observing children, recording your observations and interpreting them. You can then choose the exercise which you feel you have done the best and submit it for evaluation.

The marking instructions for the exercises are as follows:

**Exercise 4**
Total marks : 20
**Break up of marks:**
- Observing the child and the parents and recording the observations : 10 marks
- Analysis of observations and conclusions : 10 marks

**Exercise 6**
Total marks : 20
**Break up of marks:**
- Observing the child and recording the observations : 10 marks
- Analysis of observations and conclusions : 10 marks

**Exercise 7**
Total marks : 20
**Break up of marks:**
- Carrying out activities related to matching and conservation and recording observations : 5 + 5 marks
- Analysis of observations and conclusions related to matching and conservation : 5 + 5 marks
SECTION C

20 marks

In this Section you are expected to do any one of the practical exercises related to planning play activities for children and conducting them. These are Practical Exercise numbers 5, 8 and 9, described in the Practical Manual of this course i.e, ACC-1. Choose any one of the exercises and submit it to the counsellor for evaluation.

It would be useful for you if you were to do all the three exercises. This would give you practice in planning and organizing play activities. You can then choose the exercise which you feel you have done the best and submit it for evaluation.

The marking instructions for the exercises are as follows:

Exercise 5
Total marks : 20
Break up of marks:  
Playing with the infant with the toy that has been made, and recording the observations : 10 marks
Evaluating the play activity and writing the conclusions: 10 marks

Exercise 8
Total marks : 20
Break up of marks:  
Planning the two activities: 5 + 5 marks
Carrying out the two activities and analysing and evaluating them: 5 + 5 marks

Exercise 9
Total marks : 20
Break up of marks:  
Describing the festival: 2 marks
Suggesting re-organization of the room : 6 marks
Scheduling activities over a week : 6 marks
Brief description of scheduled activities : 6 marks