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COURSE CODE: TEEG 201

COURSE TITLE: NATURE OF EARLY GRADE EDUCATION

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**Instruction:** Answer all questions in Section A and any three questions in Section B.

Time: 2 hours

**SECTION A**

[25 Marks]

**Answer All The Questions In This Section.**

1. A caregiver in a nursery school was recently captured in a viral video harshly beating a two-year-old baby. Which aspect of the MWCA's definition of Early Childhood Education did her actions infringe upon?
  - A. Development
  - B. Growth
  - C. Protection
  - D. Survival
  
2. From childhood all the way to his teenage years, Kwamena has endured a lot of physical abuse from his father. Which of the following is least likely to be an indicator of his abuse?
  - A. Happiness in class
  - B. Courage in class
  - C. Fear of the unknown
  - D. Timidity in class

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3. The concept of child maintenance can be characterized by which of the following?
  - A. Offering children a quality pillow and ensuring they use it at night
  - B. Enrolling children in the best schools and ensuring they top their classes
  - C. Providing children with clothes and ensuring they bathe at least twice a day
  - D. Offering children extra classes at home and ensuring they attend
4. Which clause in Ghana's 1992 constitution addresses child rights?
  - A. Clause Eighteen
  - B. Clause Twenty-Eight
  - C. Clause Thirty-Seven
  - D. Clause Thirty-Eight
5. Even though Cyril is in Class 1, he is unable to read materials that children of his age should be able to read. What could be the most plausible explanation for his difficulty?
  - A. Struggles to pay attention in class for a long time
  - B. Struggles to focus eyes on objects clearly
  - C. Struggles to blend letter sounds to form words
  - D. Struggles to recite the letter names in English
6. Who is acknowledged as the originator of kindergarten education?
  - A. Elizabeth Peabody
  - B. Friedrich Frobel
  - C. J.J Rousseau
  - D. Maria Montessori
7. Teacher Mante ensures that the tasks he assigns to his students align with their interests, abilities, capabilities, and age. How would you best describe his methodology?
  - A. Age-specific activities
  - B. Developmentally appropriate practices
  - C. Multiple means of engagement
  - D. School routine practices
8. Kande, an Early Childhood Specialist, took up a private role as an Early Intervention Specialist. What would be his primary duty?
  - A. Act as a co-facilitator
  - B. Identify learners with developmental delays and assist in addressing them
  - C. Provide information to prevent a potential school collapse
  - D. Provide guidance on how to manage the establishment
9. What is the primary reason subjects are not taught in kindergarten?
  - A. Learners' brains are not compartmentalized
  - B. Learners are only capable of drawing and coloring
  - C. Learners struggle with maintaining concentration
  - D. Learners are unable to learn at that grade level

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10. What term in education describes the shift from one grade level or activity to another?  
A. In-between  
B. Transcend  
C. Transition  
D. Translocation
  
11. Which of the following misconceptions about Early Childhood Education centers pertains to teachers?  
A. Children are forced to learn too early  
B. Children are only cared for at the center  
C. It is a profession for women  
D. Parents are excluded from participation
  
12. To promote inclusion, equality, and equity in the early childhood center, all of the following must be observed EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Differentiated teaching styles  
B. Equitable distribution of questions  
C. Giving preferential treatment to a specific child  
D. Mixed ability groupings
  
13. I am a pioneer of Early Childhood Education and I emphasize vocational education. Who am I?  
A. Jean Piaget  
B. John Dewey  
C. John Locke  
D. Johann Pestalozzi
  
14. All of the following are potential challenges for a College Demonstration Early Grade school, except \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Availability of qualified personnel  
B. Inadequate funds  
C. Inadequate infrastructure  
D. Limited parental involvement
  
15. Casandra, who is a class one student in a private school in Accra, saw a lion in the zoo and incorporated this new knowledge (lion) into an existing cognitive structure. What is this process referred to as?  
A. Accommodation  
B. Assimilation  
C. Equilibration  
D. Scheme
  
16. What was the primary goal of NALAP?  
A. To help learners draw and colour  
B. To help learners become numerate  
C. To help learners read and write  
D. To help increase learners' enrolment

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17. Madam Nkrumah always encourages her children to engage in 'think-pair-share.' Which core competency is being promoted?
  - A. Communication and collaboration
  - B. Critical thinking
  - C. Cultural identity and global citizenship
  - D. Digital literacy
18. Teacher Anas Arim Anas incorporated all learning areas while teaching the 'My Local Community' strand in class. What is this approach referred to as?
  - A. Thematic teaching
  - B. Play teaching
  - C. Subject teaching
  - D. Integrated teaching
19. Who made the statement that a child's mind is a tabula rasa, and it is the environment that imparts knowledge into it?
  - A. Martin Luther
  - B. John Locke
  - C. John Dewey
  - D. Jerome Bruner
20. Which school practice is most effective in helping the teacher to understand the learners in the class?
  - A. Group work
  - B. Marking of class register
  - C. Morning assembly
  - D. Welcoming learners in school
21. Even though he is only 3 years old, Juju can brush his teeth, comb his hair, and button his shirt all by himself. All these are examples of what?
  - A. Emotional skills
  - B. Physical health skills
  - C. Self-help skills
  - D. Social skills
22. How many learning areas is Miss. Naomi expected to cover with her Kindergarten One students throughout the year?
  - A. Three Areas
  - B. Four Areas
  - C. Five Areas
  - D. Six Areas

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23. Ms. Akoto is a newly recruited Nursery one teacher in Hunter International School. Which method of teaching would be the most suitable to use for her nursery learners?
- A. Demonstration method
  - B. Discussion method
  - C. Play method
  - D. Project method
24. As a six-year-old, Claribel is entitled to all the following human rights, EXCEPT
- A. The right to grow up with parents
  - B. The right to decide where to live after parents' divorce
  - C. The right to freedom from cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
  - D. The right to freedom from torture
25. Michael was called upon to answer a question in class. Even though the teacher had repeatedly taken him through the same question in previous lessons, he was unable to answer the question. Out of frustration, his teacher said, "Good for nothing boy, look at your big head". What is this statement likely to result in?
- A. Child disrespect
  - B. Child exploitation
  - C. Emotional abuse
  - D. Physical abuse

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## SECTION B

[75 Marks]

### Answer Any Three (3) Questions In All

1. a). Define early childhood education. (5 marks)
  
- b). Mr. Kankam has been invited to speak at a prestigious conference on the benefits of Early Childhood Education to the learner. Based on our discussions in class about the topic, discuss FOUR benefits he is likely to talk about. (20 marks)
  
2. As the coordinator for early childhood in your region, you have been invited by the Minister of Education to discuss the challenges in Early Childhood. What FIVE points would you likely discuss with the Minister? (25 marks)
  
3. a). Define misconceptions as used in the context of child education. (5 marks)
  
- b). Explain THREE misconceptions related to the education of the child. (12 marks)
  
- c). Discuss TWO ways by which the misconception you have listed in question 3b above can be dispelled. (8 marks)
  
4. a). What is child abuse? (5 marks)
  
- b). Explain THREE types of abuse learners in your class are likely to suffer. (12 marks)
  
- c). Discuss TWO effects of child abuse. (8 marks)
  
5. Madam Mercy paid a visit to Kandara Montessori School in Sogakope. Discuss FIVE key practices that would convince her that the school truly adheres to Montessori principles? (25 marks)