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DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ECE 306: INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY ACTIVITIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

Date: 9/8/2016

Time: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms
- Play
 - Exploration
 - Playfulness
 - Game
 - Co- operative play (8 marks)
- b) Differentiate between the following terms.
- Fine motor skills and gross motor skills
 - Microsphere and Macro sphere
 - Exploration and Discovery (12 marks)
- c) Explain five general objective of play. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Outline 3 differences and 2 similarities between play and work (10 marks)

- b) Critically explain the surplus energy theory by Herbert Spencer, 1873 (6 marks)
- c) Play has a cathartic effect according to Freudian theory. Discuss (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Explain the importance of play in promoting the following aspects of child development

- a) Social
- b) Cognitive
- c) socio-emotional
- d) physical development (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Suggest play activities that teacher can engage mentally handicapped children in and how they can be assessed or evaluated (10 marks)
- b) Outline the challenges faced by teacher's when teaching indoor and outdoor activities (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Play deprivation can be compared to malnutrition. Explain adverse effects that it may pose to young children. (10 marks)
- b) Play should not be taught in isolation but should be integrated with other learning areas for holistic development of the child. Explain how a teacher can integrate indoor and outdoor play activities with science (10 marks)