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EARLY  
EDUCATION  
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CHILDCARE  
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Paper 1

Answer all questions.



**Question 1**

- (a) Describe the process of **growth** and **physical** development in children. 4 KU

Read the following case study and answer the questions which follow.

Natasha is six years old and has a younger brother, Darius, aged four years old. The family recently arrived in this country from Lithuania. Natasha's father works as a mechanic in a local garage and her mother, educated to Degree level, works part time. Both the children are bi-lingual speaking both Lithuanian and English. Natasha has recently started school and is doing well after an initial period of settling in.

- (b) Describe Natasha's expected **linguistic** development between the ages of 5 and 8 years. 6 KU
- (c) Evaluate **two influences** on Natasha's linguistic development. 2 KU  
4 AE
- (d) Analyse how Natasha's experiences at home/school may affect her **cognitive** development. 4 AE
- (e) Describe the possible influence of **Nature/Nurture** on Darius's cognitive development. 5 AE
- (25)

**Question 2**

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| (a) | (i)  | Describe one theory of <b>emotional, personal and social</b> development for children aged 0–12 years.                          | <b>8</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
|     | (ii) | Evaluate how this theory would assist a keyworker to support a child and their family during the settling in period at nursery. | <b>2</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
|     |      |   | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| (b) |      | Choose <b>one</b> of the following methods and <b>evaluate</b> its use in researching children's development.                   |             |           |
|     |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longitudinal study</li> <li>• Case study</li> <li>• Survey</li> </ul>                  | <b>3</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| (c) |      | Describe how <b>naturalistic</b> observation could be used to assess children's <b>language</b> development.                    | <b>3</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
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