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EARLY
EDUCATION
AND
CHILDCARE
HIGHER
Paper 1

Answer all questions.

The skills of knowledge and understanding (KU) and analysis and evaluation (AE) are being assessed in this paper. When answering each question you should note the number of marks allocated to each skill and use this information as a guide to the length and type of answer required.



Question 1

- (a) Describe **four** reflexes you would expect to see in a healthy, full term, new born baby.

4 KU

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

Carla, aged 3 years 2 months, is the youngest child of 3 from a travelling family, currently living on a designated travellers' site in a rural location. If not living on a designated site, the family are frequently moved on.

Carla's mother had poor attendance at ante-natal clinics. Carla was born prematurely, had a low birth weight and was slow to gain weight. She has now reached her expected physical developmental milestones and enjoys playing outdoors with her brother and sister.

- (b) Identify and explain **two** influences on Carla's physical development.

2 KU
4 AE

- (c) Describe **three** fine and **three** gross motor skills expected in a child of Carla's age.

6 KU

- (d) In what ways might each of the following influences affect Carla's social, emotional and personal development?

- Position in family
- Culture

6 AE

- (e) Evaluate the influence of nature/nurture on Carla's holistic development.

3 AE

(25)

Question 2

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| (a) | (i) Describe one theory of language development for children from birth to twelve years. | 8 | KU |
| | (ii) Evaluate how knowledge of this theory would assist a keyworker to plan activities for children aged 3–5 years. | 5 | AE |
| (b) | Describe and evaluate the use of naturalistic observation in an early years setting. | 3 | KU |
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| (c) | The following methods are used when studying children’s development: | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies • Surveys • Longitudinal studies | | |
| | Describe and evaluate one of the above methods in terms of its validity and reliability. | 2 | KU |
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