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EARLY
EDUCATION
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CHILDCARE
HIGHER
Paper 1

Answer all questions.



Question 1

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

Connie, aged 6 years, is in Primary 1. She is enjoying learning new skills and particularly likes her reading book. Her parents are very supportive and they help her with her homework every night. The family has an established routine and the children enjoy activities and spending time with their parents. Craig, her brother who is 4, attends the Nursery Class attached to the Primary school and has made lots of new friends. Craig's speech was unclear when he started nursery but is improving.

- (a) Describe Connie's expected cognitive development between the ages of 5–8 years. 5 KU
- (b) Emotional, personal and social development could be affected by the following factors.
- Position in family
 - Parenting style
- Evaluate the possible positive and negative effects of **both** these factors on Connie's emotional, personal and social development. 6 AE
- (c) Describe Craig's linguistic development between 3–5 years. 4 KU
- (d) Evaluate **two** factors that might impact on Craig's linguistic development. 6 AE
- The following question does **not** relate to the case study.
- (e) Describe the influence of Nature/Nurture on children's holistic development. 4 KU
- (25)**

Question 2

(a)	Describe one theory of cognitive development for children aged 0–12 years.	10	KU
(b)	Evaluate how this theory helps an early years practitioner to support the cognitive development of children.	6	AE
(c)	Evaluate one method of observing children including its reliability, in the study of children’s development.	2	KU
		4	AE
(d)	Evaluate the validity of one research method when working with children and young people.	3	AE
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