



COURSE CODE	ECP 231
COURSE TITLE	NATURE OF EARLY GRADE EDUCATION

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SECTION A (20 MARKS)

Each of the questions below is followed by four options, lettered A, B, C, and D. Choose the option that best completes each statement and write the letter A, B, C, or D of the option you have chosen in your answer booklet.

1. Which approach is commonly used in early grade education?  
A. College lecture method  
B. Corporate training method  
C. Montessori method  
D. Military training
2. Storytelling is important in early grade education because it.....  
A. distracts children from learning.  
B. helps develop language and imagination.  
C. is not useful for young children.  
D. replaces all other forms of learning.
3. Which subject is usually emphasised in early grade education?  
A. Advanced physics  
B. Engineering and robotics  
C. Literacy and numeracy  
D. Natural Science
4. Which of the following is an example of fine motor skills development?  
A. Running and jumping  
B. Writing and coloring  
C. Singing and dancing  
D. Speaking and shouting
5. The main goal of early grade education is to.....  
A. introduce children to strict discipline.  
B. limit children's interaction with others.  
C. prepare children for lifelong learning.  
D. teach children only academic subjects.

6. A set of plans of what to do in a particular situation that has been agreed officially by a group of people, a government or a political party is termed as.....
- A. education.
  - B. management.
  - C. principle.
  - D. policy.
7. A comprehensive approach to policies and programmes for children from birth to eight (8) years of age is termed as.....
- A. early childhood Care and Development.
  - B. early Childhood Education.
  - C. nursery Education.
  - D. pre-school Education.
8. Allowing children to engage in dramatic play satisfies which of the goals of Early Grade Education?
- A. Character education goals
  - B. Language and literacy goals
  - C. Music and arts goals
  - D. Wellness and healthy living goals
9. Which of the forms of development will teachers ensure when they provide activities such as threading of beads, painting, and manipulating of clay that helps children to gain fine muscle control?
- A. Emotional development
  - B. Intellectual development
  - C. Physical development
  - D. Social development
10. Which early grade education pioneer compared the role of an educator to that of a gardener?
- A. Friedrich Froebel
  - B. Jean Jacques Rousseau
  - C. John Dewey
  - D. Maria Montessori
11. What types of activities did Maria Montessori add in her curriculum?
- A. Formal skills
  - B. Practical activities
  - C. Practical, sensory and formal skills
  - D. Sensory activities
12. According to John Dewey, what should classroom activities composed of?
- A) Intellectual pursuits
  - B) Physical activities
  - C) Physical activities, and social interest
  - D) Social interests

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13. The purpose of NALAP was to.....
- A. assist learners to draw and colour.
  - B. help learners to become numerate.
  - C. help learners to read and write.
  - D. Increase enrolment.
14. All the following are benefits of early grade education, EXCEPT.....
- A. Resilience
  - B. Respect
  - C. Socialization
  - D. Sterling
15. Which educational philosopher emphasised the importance of play in children's learning and development?
- A. Aristotle
  - B. Lev Vygotsky
  - C. John Dewey
  - D. Maria Montessori
16. All the following must be satisfied in order to ensure inclusion, equality and equity at the early grade centre, EXCEPT.....
- A. Differentiated teaching style.
  - B. Fair distribution of questions.
  - C. Mixed ability groupings.
  - D. Target grouping.
17. The philosopher who is known for his role in what is called progressive education, is...
- A. Friedrich Frobel
  - B. John Dewey.
  - C. Pestalozzi.
  - D. Piaget.
18. The last stage of Jean Piaget's cognitive development theory is known as .....
- A. concrete operational.
  - B. formal operational stage.
  - C. pre-operational stage.
  - D. sensory motor stage.
19. Early grade education helps children to develop the following skills, EXCEPT....
- A. incompetent skills.
  - B. intellectual/cognitive development skills.
  - C. physical development / psychomotor skills.
  - D. socialization skills.

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20. Children engage in dramatic play to satisfies all the following goals of Early Grade Education EXCEPT...
- A. character education goals.
  - B. language and literacy goals.
  - C. music and arts goals.
  - D. wellness and healthy living goals.

### SECTION B (5 MARKS)

**This section contains statements. Write True or False for each of the following statements**

- 21. Jean Jacques Rousseau gave the golden rule of teaching which says that teachers should place everything before the senses of the child to ensure full understanding during teaching and learning.
- 22. According to Piaget, the child at the sensorimotor stage can classify and seriate.
- 23. One of the five (5) major factors that prompted the policy on Early childhood Development was the increased awareness of the poor situation of young children and the need to address it.
- 24. Section 30 of the children's Act of 1998 talks about the right of opinion of the child.
- 25. Frederick Froebel designed an educational system to aid the development of intelligence and independence of the child.

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### SECTION C (5 MARKS)

This section contains two columns, columns A and B. You are to match items in Column A with those in Column B.

Column A	Column B
26. Play-based Learning	A. Education approach that emphasizes using mother tongue as the medium of instruction.
27. Holistic Development	B. A method that allows children to explore and learn through hands-on activities and social interactions.
28. Phonics Instruction	C. Focuses on the child's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical growth.
29. Emergent Literacy	D. Teaching method that helps children recognize letter-sound relationships for early reading.
30. Mother Tongue-Based Education	E. The natural development of reading and writing skills in young children before formal instruction. F. A range of individuals, professionals and organizations who promote the optimal development of children
	G. The process of involving all learner's during teaching and learning irrespective of their learning need

### SECTION D (10 MARKS)

Provide short answers to the following questions

31. What is the full meaning of MOWAC in the development of Early Childhood care in Ghana?
32. The history of Early Childhood education dates back to which year?
33. How many day care centres did the CPP establish in support of Early Childhood Care in Ghana?
34. Which Education Act of Ghana, placed all early childhood centres under the care of the Ministry of Education?
35. Which mission attached Kindergarten to some of its primary schools in 1843?
36. Which government Agency in Ghana now is responsible for provision of custodial care for children?
37. Which group established the HIV/AIDS Orphan Project in 1989 to take care of orphans in the Krobo District in Ghana?

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38. Which International body initiated a program in Ghana to upgrade the National Training Institute for Early Childhood Educators both physically and professionally?
39. What name is given to the minimum period of schooling needed to ensure that children acquire basic literacy, numeracy and problem- solving skills?
40. Early grade education teachers specialize in the learning, developmental, social, and physical needs of .....

### **SECTION E (20 MARKS)**

**Answer only One question from this section**

1. Discuss four (4) reasons why it is necessary for a child to be educated early in life.  
(20 marks)
2. (a). As an early grade teacher, you are required to teach using various approaches that promote learning. State and explain any four (4) 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching approaches you will recommend to early grade teachers in Ghana. (16 marks)  
(b) List two guiding principles of operating kindergarten in Ghana. (4 marks)
3. As an Early Grade Educator, discuss the five (5) components of Early Grade Education. (20marks)

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