

**Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood
and Foundational Stage Education (PGDECFE)**

Assignment 1, 2 & 4

January 2023 and July 2023 Session

**This booklet contains assignments for courses
MCD-001, MCD-002 and MCD-004**

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Dear Learners,

You have to do five assignments as part of the Diploma Programme. **ALL FIVE ASSIGNMENTS ARE COMPULSORY.** You have to pass all the five assignments in order to be awarded the PG Diploma.

This booklet contains Assignments for MCD-001, MCD-002 and MCD -004. The Assignments of MCD-003 and MCD-005 will be uploaded separately.

Each assignment has three parts - Section A, Section B and Section C. **ALL THREE PARTS OF EACH ASSIGNMENT ARE COMPULSORY.** Submit Section A, B & C of each assignment together, otherwise your assignment would be returned to you without being evaluated.

Each assignment carries 100 marks – 45 marks for Section A; 30 marks for Section B; and 25 marks for Section C.

Objectives of the Assignments: One of the objectives of the assignments is to assess how well you have understood the concepts explained in the various Blocks of the Course. Another objective of the assignments is to assess how far you can apply the theoretical concepts which you have studied in the Blocks in day-to-day situations.

SOME DO'S AND DONT'S ABOUT SENDING IN ASSIGNMENTS

Some Do's

1. Submit your assignments by the due date to your Study Centre. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments. We advise you to do them one by one along with your study of the particular course and submit them at your study centre, so that you may get back the marks and comments of the counsellor with the evaluated assignment. With proper planning, you will be able to do all the assignments within the stipulated period.
2. Maintain an account of the assignments sent to us and the corrected assignments received by you. This will help you maintain the schedule of your work and avoid the possibility of sending the same assignment a second time.
3. Keep a photocopy of the assignment with you before submission.

Some Dont's

1. Do not remind us to send back the corrected response sheets. These will be sent to you at the earliest possible.
2. Do not misplace/ lose your graded assignments. You will need these till the Programme is completed.
3. Do not enclose doubts for clarification along with the assignment. If you want to draw our attention to something of urgent/important nature, write to us separately. Give your roll number, name, address, the title of the Course, the number of the assignment, etc. on top of your letter.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use only foolscap size paper for your response and tie all the pages carefully. Avoid using very thin paper. Allow a 4 cm margin on the left and at least 4 lines in between the answers. This may facilitate the evaluator to write useful comments in the margin at appropriate places.
2. Write your roll number, name, full address and date on top right corner of the first page of your response sheets.
3. Write the Course title, assignment number and the name of the study centre you are attached to, in the center of the first page of your response sheets.

The top of the first page of your response sheets should look like this:

Enrolment No.....
Name.....
Address.....
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Date.....

Course Title.....

Assignment No.

Study Centre.....

Please follow the above format strictly. If you do not follow this format, we will be compelled to return your script to you for re-submission.

4. Read the instructions related to assignments printed in the Programme Guide.
5. Write the assignment in your own handwriting. Typed assignments will not be accepted. Do not copy your answers from the Units/Blocks sent to you by the University. If you copy, you will get zero marks for the respective question.
6. Write each assignment separately. All the assignments should not be written in continuity. For each Course, use separate sheets or start on the next sheet.
7. The completed assignment should be sent to the Coordinator / Programme Incharge of the Study Centre/ Programme Study Centre allotted to you. Under any circumstances do not send the tutor marked response sheets to the Student Evaluation Division at Head Quarters for evaluation.
8. Please obtain a receipt from the study centre for the assignments submitted and retain it.
9. In case you have requested for a change of Study Centre, you should submit your Tutor Marked Assignments only to the original Study Centre until the change of Study Centre is notified by the University.
10. If you find that there is any factual error in evaluation of your assignments, you should approach the Coordinator/ Programme Incharge of your study centre for correction and transmission of correct score to the Regional Centre & Headquarters.
11. Please note that unless you submit the assignment of a particular Course within the date mentioned for that assignment, you would not be permitted to appear for the term-end examination of that Course.

**Assignment 1
(Tutor Marked Assignment)**

Course Code: MCD-001
Assignment Code: MCD-001/TMA-1/2023
30th September, 2023 for January, 2023 session
30th March, 2024 for July, 2023 session
Total Marks: 100

All Three Sections – A, B and C of this assignment are compulsory.

SECTION A

Answer the following question in 1000 words each.

15x3=45 Marks

1. What characteristics can be observed in the language development of a child between 3-6 years of age? How can the caregiver enhance the language abilities of the child during preschool years?
2. What do you understand by the term ‘attachment’? Describe the development of attachment during infancy with examples. Delineate behaviours of caregivers that help in attracting the infant’s attention and serve to maintain social interaction.
3. You have to prepare a project on conservation tasks keeping an 8-year-old child in mind. Discuss activities for any 3 conservation tasks that you would you plan for this project using the material available at home.

SECTION B

Answer the following question in 400 words each.

6x5=30 Marks

4. What are the benefits of mother tongue-based multilingual education?
5. Explain the use of the Theory of Multiple Intelligences in early years education.
6. How would you explain to a group of parents the importance of early years highlighting the major principles of development?
7. What is the role of peers and media in development of a child in middle childhood years?
8. Explain the relationship between the concepts of ‘zone of proximal developemnt’ and ‘scaffolding’.

SECTION C

**Answer the following question in 100-150 words each.
Marks**

5x5=25

9. Briefly explain:
 - a. Discovery Learning
 - b. Telegraphic Speech
 - c. Operant Conditioning
 - d. Socialization
 - e. Pruning

**Assignment 2
(Tutor Marked Assignment)**

Course Code: MCD-002

Assignment Code: MCD-002/TMA-1/2023

30th September, 2023 for January, 2023 session

30th March, 2024 for July, 2023 session

Total Marks: 100

All Three Sections – A, B and C of this assignment are compulsory.

SECTION A

**Answer the following question in 1000 words each. There is internal choice.
15x3=45 Marks**

1. While conducting the assessment, what points would you take into account for the given?
 - a) Collecting samples of children's work
 - b) Planning and conducting observations of children

OR

You are to choose storybooks for pre-primary level children for conducting read-aloud sessions. Mention specific literary and design elements you would consider while selecting relevant books.

2. Differentiate between theme-based curriculum and emergent curriculum.

OR

Elaborate upon the educational materials and apparatus in the Montessori curriculum.

3. Explain different kinds of play by citing relevant examples.

OR

Discuss four factors that affect the play of children by citing relevant examples.

SECTION B

Answer the following question in 400 words each. 6x5=30 Marks

4. Discuss the lack of regulation in the ECCE sector in India.
5. How does depriving children of play opportunities affect their learning and development?

6. What is the role of an emotionally supportive environment in a child's language and literacy development?
7. "Art is significant for the young children." Explain the statement.
8. Discuss the cultural appropriateness of the curriculum.

SECTION C

Answer the following question in 100-150 words each.

5x5=25

Marks

10. Write a short note on the given:
 - a) Phonemic Awareness
 - b) Developmentally Appropriate Practice
 - c) Fantasy
 - d) Emergent Mathematics
 - e) Children's Errors

**Assignment 4
(Tutor Marked Assignment)**

Course Code: MCD-004

Assignment Code: MCD-004/TMA-4/2023

30th September, 2023 for January, 2023 session

30th March, 2024 for July, 2023 session

Total Marks: 75

All Three Sections – A, B and C of this assignment are compulsory.

SECTION A

Answer any TWO questions in 1000 words each.

2x15=30 Marks

1. What criteria should be considered while selecting material and equipment for toddlers?
2. Discuss 'Planning' as a step of management process.
3. Discuss various method of fundraising for setting up an ECCE centre.
4. How can a teacher's professional development take place?

SECTION B

Answer the following questions in 500 words each.

5x4=20 Marks

5. How does space influences children's behaviour?
6. What are the disadvantages of the traditional seating arrangement?
7. Discuss the indoor space requirements for the infants.
8. Elaborate on the benefits of some of the audio-visual aids of communication.

SECTION C

Answer the following questions in 150 words each.

5x5=25 Marks

9. Write a short note on the given:
 - a. Channel
 - b. Performance Appraisal
 - c. Activity Areas
 - d. Community Participation
 - e. Budget

