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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MONTESSORI TEACHER TRAINING ASSIGNMENT QUESTION PAPER

FOUNDATIONS OF MONTESSORI PHILOSOPHY AND PEDAGOGY

Answer ALL Questions

1. Trace the historical development of Montessori education and explain how Dr. Maria Montessori's scientific observations shaped her philosophy.
2. Discuss the concept of the child as a natural learner and its implications for classroom practice.
3. Explain the four planes of development and their psychological significance in Montessori education.
4. Analyse the concepts of absorbent mind, sensitive periods, and normalization.
5. Describe the role of the Montessori teacher as observer and guide.
6. Explain the importance of the prepared environment in fostering independence.
7. Discuss the principles behind Montessori didactic materials and their role in auto-education.
8. Compare Montessori philosophy with the educational ideas of Piaget and Vygotsky.
9. Critically examine the strengths and criticisms of Montessori education.
10. Discuss Montessori's approach to peace education and global citizenship.
11. Evaluate the relevance of Montessori philosophy in the 21st century educational context.
12. Reflect on how research and reflective practice contribute to professional identity in Montessori teaching.



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CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Answer ALL Questions

1. Define child development and explain its interdisciplinary nature.
2. Describe the stages of physical and motor development from infancy to adolescence.
3. Explain Piaget's theory of cognitive development and its educational implications.
4. Discuss Vygotsky's sociocultural theory and the role of language in cognition.
5. Analyse the major theories of language development.
6. Explain Erikson's psychosocial stages and their relevance to early childhood education.
7. Discuss attachment theory and its influence on learning and behaviour.
8. Compare Piaget's and Kohlberg's theories of moral development.
9. Describe the characteristics and educational needs of children with developmental delays.
10. Discuss strategies for inclusive education in Montessori environments.
11. Explain the importance of observation and assessment in understanding development.
12. Examine how developmental psychology informs curriculum planning in Montessori settings.



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MONTESSORI CURRICULUM DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

Answer ALL Questions

1. Explain the principles underlying Montessori curriculum design.
2. Discuss the objectives and significance of Practical Life education.
3. Describe the structure and importance of Sensorial materials.
4. Explain the Montessori approach to language development.
5. Discuss the progression of mathematical concepts using Montessori materials.
6. Explain the integration of cultural subjects in the Montessori curriculum.
7. Describe the three-period lesson method with suitable examples.
8. Discuss curriculum planning for mixed-age classrooms.
9. Explain the importance of maintaining individual records and progress tracking.
10. Analyse the role of interdisciplinary and project-based learning in Montessori methodology.
11. Discuss the integration of technology in Montessori classrooms while preserving core principles.
12. Evaluate the importance of reflective teaching in curriculum innovation



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ASSESSMENT AND OBSERVATION IN MONTESSORI EDUCATION

Answer ALL Questions

1. Explain observation as a scientific foundation in Montessori pedagogy.
2. Discuss various types of observation used in Montessori classrooms.
3. Describe tools such as anecdotal records, checklists, and portfolios.
4. Explain how observation helps in identifying sensitive periods and readiness.
5. Compare traditional testing methods with Montessori-based assessment.
6. Discuss principles of authentic and formative assessment.
7. Explain the importance of record keeping and documentation.
8. Describe how to prepare observation-based reports for parents.
9. Discuss ethical considerations in observation and assessment.
10. Explain reflective practice as a tool for professional growth.
11. Analyse challenges in maintaining objectivity in assessment.
12. Discuss innovations and digital tools in Montessori assessment.



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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MONTESSORI SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

Answer ALL Questions

1. Define educational leadership and differentiate it from management.
2. Discuss leadership styles relevant to Montessori school settings.
3. Explain how Montessori philosophy shapes institutional vision and mission.
4. Describe organizational management models in Montessori schools.
5. Discuss strategies for effective human resource management in Montessori institutions.
6. Explain the role of instructional leadership in curriculum oversight.
7. Discuss budgeting and financial planning in Montessori schools.
8. Analyse the importance of parent and community engagement.
9. Explain legal and regulatory compliance in educational institutions.
10. Discuss strategic planning and school improvement processes.
11. Examine challenges such as enrolment fluctuation and staff turnover.
12. Evaluate the role of leadership in preserving Montessori authenticity while promoting innovation.



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CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND MONTESSORI EDUCATION

Answer ALL Questions

1. Discuss changing paradigms in early childhood education.
2. Analyse the impact of globalization and digital culture on childhood.
3. Evaluate the role of technology in Montessori classrooms.
4. Discuss strategies for inclusive and equitable education.
5. Explain approaches to supporting children with special needs in Montessori settings.
6. Discuss mental health challenges in early childhood and appropriate interventions.
7. Analyse Montessori's approach to environmental education and sustainability.
8. Discuss the evolving role of families in early childhood education.
9. Examine policy and regulatory frameworks affecting Montessori institutions.
10. Discuss the role of educators as advocates for children's rights.
11. Analyse global trends in early childhood education.
12. Evaluate how Montessori education prepares children for an interconnected world.