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Course: Introduction to Early Childhood Education (1624) Semester: Spring, 2025

Level: PGD

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 50

ASSIGNMENT No.1 (Units: 1-4)

Note: All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

Q1.	Explain the concept of "learning through play" and discuss the different types of play that support children's development. How can teachers scaffold children's learning through play?	20
Q2.	Discuss Piaget's stages of cognitive development and their relevance to early childhood education. How can teachers apply Piaget's theory to enhance children's learning?	20
Q3.	Describe the role of early childhood education in Pakistan's education system. What progress has been made, and what are the remaining challenges?	20
Q4.	Evaluate the curriculum structure for preschool education. How do teachers balance the developmental needs of children while promoting learning through hands-on activities?	20
Q5.	Discuss the impact of socio-cultural factors on early childhood education. How does Vygotsky's concept of the "Zone of Proximal Development" apply to early childhood education?	20

ASSIGNMENT No.2

(Units: 5-9)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 50

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Q1.	Explain the significance of play-based learning in developing children's problem-solving and reasoning abilities. Provide examples of activities that promote critical thinking through play.	20
Q2.	Discuss the progress and challenges of early childhood education in Pakistan. What role do NGOs and international organizations play in advancing early childhood education in the country?	20
Q3.	Evaluate the impact of large class sizes on early childhood education. How can teachers effectively manage large groups of children while maintaining quality education?	20
Q4.	Explain the role of comparative education in understanding early childhood education practices globally. How does analyzing different educational systems help improve policies and practices?	20
Q5.	Identify the key challenges in addressing teacher shortages in early childhood education. What solutions can be implemented to recruit and retain qualified teachers?	20