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Paper 1

Answer all questions.



Question 1

(a) Describe **three** reflexes that you would expect to see in a healthy full term newborn baby.

3 KU

(b) What is meant by growth and development?

4 KU

(c) The following factors are important in influencing the development of children.

- Ante-Natal care
- Nutrition
- Environment

Evaluate how **two** of these factors influence physical growth and development, giving **one** positive and **one** negative effect for **each** factor chosen.

**8 4KU
4AE**

(d) Read the following short case study and answer the questions which follow.

James is four years old and attends a nursery class in his local area every morning. The nursery provides a warm, caring environment and encourages the children to be creative. He is cared for by a childminder in the afternoon until his mum, Mary, returns from work. James loves spending time with his childminder who has recently completed a childcare qualification. James's mum picks him up and takes him home. They eat dinner together when his older sister returns from school. James and his sister enjoy playing together and also spending time with mum and she reads them both a story at bedtime. The family is moving to a bigger house. James will no longer go to the childminder but will have a full time place at nursery.

Evaluate the impact of the following factors on James's cognitive development.

- Pre school provision
- Stimulation

**10 2KU
8AE****(25)**

Question 2

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| (a) | (i) | Describe one theory of language development for children from birth to twelve years old. | 5 | KU |
| | (ii) | Evaluate the influence of this theory in current early years practice. | 6 | AE |
| (b) | | Evaluate the impact of nature and nurture on promoting a child's language development. | 3 | KU |
| | | | 4 | AE |
| (c) | | Evaluate the use of case studies as a method for researching children's development. | 3 | AE |
| (d) | | Describe one method of observation used in assessing children's development. | 4 | KU |
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Question 3

Read the following scenario and answer the questions that follow.

Hill Street Primary is a large Primary School in an Inner City Area. Many of the children are affected by poverty and unemployment. There are high rates of asthma and other illnesses amongst the children. The area has few safe, open spaces for play due to nearby busy roads and an industrial estate.

- (a) With reference to **one** theorist describe how some of the basic health needs of the children who attend Hill Street Primary may **not** be met. **6 KU**
- (b) Evaluate the possible effects of unemployment and poverty on the holistic health of the children. **6 AE**
- (c) Evaluate the possible effects of **two** social trends on the children. **6 AE**

The following questions **do not** relate to the scenario.

- (d) Describe the main aims of child health promotion. **4 KU**
- (e) Voluntary agencies make a valuable contribution to the promotion of children's health. What is the role of the Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People? **3 KU**

(25)

Question 4

Read the following scenario and answer the questions that follow.

Omar is an eleven month old baby who is about to start at the local private nursery while his mum returns to full time study. His mum has been visiting the nursery to get to know the staff and help Omar settle in to this new environment. Omar cries if the staff pick him up and he is not interested in playing with the other children. His mum is very anxious about him starting nursery full time.

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| <p>(a) With reference to one relevant theorist evaluate the impact of starting nursery on Omar's emotional, personal and social development.</p> | <p>8 4KU
4AE</p> |
| <p>(b) Describe how staff may observe and record information on how Omar is settling into nursery.</p> | <p>6 4KU
2AE</p> |
| <p>(c) Evaluate how staff might use this information to support Omar and his mum during the settling in period.</p> | <p>4 AE</p> |
| <p>(d) Explain how staff could promote Omar's cognitive development whilst he is at nursery.</p> | <p>7 4KU
3AE</p> |
| <p>(25)</p> | |

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