



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2009

Total Mark

Vocational Specialism – Childcare/Community Care (240 marks)

Credit

Monday, 8 June
Afternoon, 2.00 to 3.30

Directions to Candidates

1. Write your EXAMINATION NUMBER in this space:
2. WRITE ALL ANSWERS INTO THIS ANSWER BOOK.
3. Candidates should answer a total of **four** questions.
Each question should be selected from a **different** section.
There are **five** sections in this paper.
Candidates should answer questions from **four** sections only.
4. Each question carries 60 marks.

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	2.	Aggregate total of all disallowed questions	
	3.	Total mark awarded (1 minus 2)	
	4.	Bonus mark for answering through Irish (if applicable)	
	5.	Total mark awarded if Irish Bonus (3 plus 4)	
<p>Note: The mark in row 3 must correspond with the mark in the Total Mark box on the flap grid of the answer book.</p>			

Section 1 - The Care of Babies and Young Children

(Attempt either Question 1 or Question 2 if answering this section.
Each question carries 60 marks)

1. (a) Identify **four** characteristics / features of a healthy baby. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(b) Describe **each** of the following skin conditions that are often associated with babies. Indicate the cause of **each** condition and how it might be treated. (24 marks)

Heat rash

Description _____

Cause _____

Treatment _____

Cradle Cap

Description _____

Cause _____

Treatment _____

Nappy rash

Description _____

Cause _____

Treatment _____

(c) Identify **two** reasons why a parent / carer might choose to use a baby bath rather than the family bath when bathing a baby. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(d) List the items that are needed **and** describe the routine that should be followed to 'top and tail' a baby. (16 marks)

Items

Routine

2. (a) Shown below are three items of baby equipment.
Identify **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of **each**.

(18 marks)

1. Moses Basket

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____



2. Crib

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____



3. Cot

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____



(b) Name **and** indicate the purpose of the item illustrated below.

(6 marks)

Name _____



Purpose _____

(c) Describe how a baby should be positioned in a cot for a sleep or nap. (12 marks)

(d) What is SIDS? (6 marks)

(e) State **two** advantages of a baby monitor. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(f) Describe **two** different types of baby monitors. (10 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

Section 2 - Child Development and Play

(Attempt either Question 3 or Question 4 if answering this section.
Each question carries 60 marks)

3. (a) Outline **three** reasons why children play. (9 marks)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(b) Identify **six** factors that a parent / carer should consider when shopping for children's toys at Christmas. (18 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

(c) Why do children sometimes get more play value from the cardboard box that a toy comes in rather than the toy itself? (8 marks)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- (d) Name **and** describe **one** board game that is suitable for children and indicate the age group that it is aimed at. (10 marks)

Name of board game _____

Description _____

Age suitability _____

- (e) Referring to the five main areas of development as set out below, identify a range of skills that a child might develop through playing with board games. (15 marks)

Physical _____

Intellectual _____

Language _____

Emotional _____

Social _____

4. (a) What is *creative play*? (4 marks)

(b) List **four** examples of creative play activities. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(c) Identify **four** reasons why playing with *playdough* is an appropriate activity for a preschool child. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(d) Identify **two** skills that the child is using in the photograph below. (8 marks)



1. _____

2. _____

(e) Name **two** items that could be given to a child to enhance the child's experience of playing with playdough. (6 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (f) Identify a creative play activity for a preschool child.
Describe how you would plan, implement (carry out) and evaluate the activity.
(18 marks)

Name of activity _____

Planning _____

Implementation _____

Evaluation _____

Section 3 - Parenting and Care Provision

(Attempt either Question 5 or Question 6 if answering this section.
Each question carries 60 marks)

5. (a) State **two** reasons why childcare services are needed by parents. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(b) Identify **two** challenges that many parents experience in relation to finding suitable childcare. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(c) What is an *Au-Pair*? (4 marks)

(d) Describe how a parent might find an *Au-Pair*. (6 marks)

- (e) List **two** *advantages* and **two** *disadvantages* of an *Au-Pair*. (16 marks)

Advantages

1. _____

2. _____

Disadvantages

1. _____

2. _____

- (f) Outline **six** items of information that an *Au-Pair* would need to have before being left alone to look after a child. (18 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. (a) Explain the term *parenting style*. (8 marks)

(b) Outline **two** ways that parents can help to make home a happy place for their children. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(c) State **two** reasons why children need discipline. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(d) Identify **four** factors that a parent should consider before deciding that a child should be disciplined. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(e) List **two** effects of excessive discipline. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(f) Why is it not appropriate to discipline a baby? (8 marks)

(g) Explain why it is important for parents to mean what they say when disciplining their children. (8 marks)

Section 4 - People with Special Needs

(Attempt either Question 7 or Question 8 if answering this section.
Each question carries 60 marks)

7. (a) What is a *disability*? (8 marks)

(b) Identify **four** challenges that may be experienced by a person, who has a physical disability, when shopping in a supermarket or department store. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(c) The shopping trolley shown below has been specially designed for a wheelchair user. Identify **two** advantages of this type of shopping trolley. (8 marks)



Advantage 1. _____

Advantage 2. _____

- (d) Suggest **four** methods, other than personally visiting a shop, that can be used to purchase goods. (12 marks)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

- (e) Some businesses provide disability awareness training for their staff. Give **two** reasons why the provision of this type of training is important. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (f) Identify **four** topics / areas that should be included in disability awareness training. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

8. (a) Some people are born with a hearing impairment (congenital hearing loss) while other people acquire a hearing impairment after birth (acquired hearing loss).

List **two** of the possible causes of **each** type of hearing loss. (12 marks)

Causes of congenital hearing loss

1. _____

2. _____

Causes of acquired hearing loss

1. _____

2. _____

- (b) Explain **each** of the following: (8 marks)

Hearing impaired

Deaf

- (c) List **four** indicators that might suggest to a parent / carer that a young child has a hearing impairment. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(d) Identify **two** ways that the parents / carers of children with a hearing impairment might support each other. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(e) Suggest **three** practical ways that a parent / carer might encourage a child with a hearing impairment to communicate. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

(f) Name and describe **one** type of *assistive technology* that could be used by a student who has a hearing impairment to support him / her with school work. (8 marks)

Name _____

Description _____

Section 5 - Older People

(Attempt either Question 9 or Question 10 if answering this section.
Each question carries 60 marks)

9. (a) Many older people like to give something back to their community by doing voluntary work.
What is voluntary work? (8 marks)

- (b) Identify **four** benefits of voluntary work for **each** of the following:

Benefits for the older person (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Benefits for the community (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(c) Give **four** examples of different types of voluntary work that could be carried out by an older person. (12 marks)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(d) Describe **two** ways that an older person might find voluntary work. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(e) Discuss the qualities / skills that an organisation might look for in an older volunteer. (8 marks)

10. (a) List **four** factors that contribute to an older person's sense of independence and well being. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(b) Identify **four** reasons why some burglars / intruders see an older person as an easy target. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(c) Outline **four** security measures that an older person should take at home. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (d) Describe how an older person might deal with the problem of an overly assertive salesperson. (12 marks)

- (e) Give **one** example of a personal alarm system and explain how it can protect the person. (12 marks)

Example of personal alarm system _____

How it protects the person _____

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