



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2012

Total Mark

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Vocational Specialism – Childcare/Community Care (240 marks)

Credit

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Monday, 11 June
Afternoon, 2.00 to 3.30

Directions to Candidates

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- Write your EXAMINATION NUMBER in this space:
- WRITE ALL ANSWERS INTO THIS ANSWER BOOK
- 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.
- Each question carries 60 marks.

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1. Total of end of page totals.		1	
2. Aggregate total of all disallowed questions.		2	
3. Total mark awarded (1 minus 2).		3	
4. Bonus mark for answering through Irish.		4	
5. Total mark awarded if Irish Bonus. (3 + 4)		5	
6. Credit.		6	
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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) State **two** differences between a *pram* and a *buggy (pushchair)*. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (b) Identify **four** *safety* features a parent / carer should consider when purchasing a buggy. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (c) Outline a routine that should be followed to ensure safety when *using* a buggy. Give advice on **four** areas of safe use. (16 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(d) Describe **four** accessories that can be purchased for a buggy. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(e) Discuss parents / carers 'transporting children by bicycle'. (12 marks)



2. (a) State **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using *cloth nappies* and **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using *disposable nappies*.

Cloth nappies (8 marks)

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____

Disposable nappies (8 marks)

Advantage _____

Disadvantage _____

- (b) Set out below are five factors that should be considered when selecting disposable nappies. Explain the importance of **each**. (20 marks)

Shape

Size

Closure

Absorbency

Cost

- (c) Below are three different styles of nappy changing units. Select the unit (A, B or C) that you consider to be the most suitable and give **four** reasons for your selection. (12 marks)



Nappy changing unit selected (A, B, or C)

Reasons for selection

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

- (d) The nappy changing unit shown below is often provided in public toilets. Give your views on this item. (12 marks)



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 **four** benefits of outdoor play / outdoor activities for children. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (b) Identify **four** items that are suitable for outdoor play / exploration that might help the development of a child's curiosity. (12 marks)

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

- (c) Outline **four** factors that a parent / carer should consider when planning an outdoor trip for a child. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(d) Suggest a suitable outdoor trip for a six-year old child. (4 marks)

Indicate the potential (possible) educational value of the trip. Give **two** points. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(e) Describe **four** ways to prevent children from getting bored during a car journey. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4. (a) State **four** factors that a parent / carer should take into consideration when purchasing *board games* for children. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (b) Identify **four** skills that the children below are developing while playing with the board game. (12 marks)



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (c) Outline **three** ways that a parent / carer can support a child who hates to lose when playing board games. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

- (d) How can a parent / carer encourage a child to tidy up a board game after he / she has finished playing with it? (8 marks)

- (e) Suggest a board game that is suitable for 3-6 year olds. Give **two** reasons why you consider it suitable for this age group.

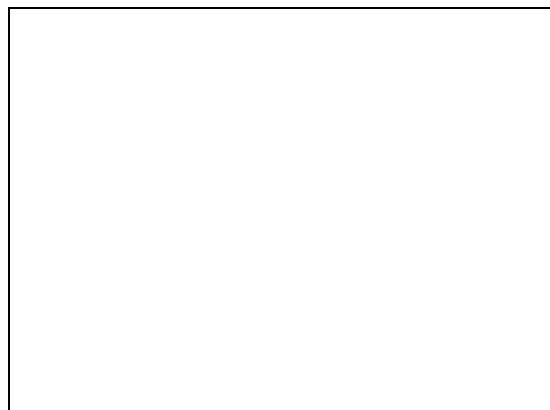
Name of board game (4 marks)

Reasons it is suitable for 3-6 year olds (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (f) Draw, in the box below, the mark / symbol that you would expect to find on a toy / game to indicate that it conforms to specific health, safety and environmental protection and the applicable legislation in the EU. (4 marks)



Section 3 - Parenting and Care Provision

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

5. (a) Suggest **four** ways of building a positive relationship between a parent and child. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (b) How can a parent support a child's safe use of computers and the internet at home? Give **four** examples. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (c) Describe **two** computer based activities that a parent and child could do together. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(d) Outline **two** ways that computer games can impact *negatively* on a child's behaviour. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

Describe **two** measures that a parent can take to deal with this behaviour. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(e) Identify **four** errors (mistakes) that parents sometimes make when disciplining their children. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

6. (a) What is the purpose of a pregnancy test? (4 marks)

(b) Outline **two** ways that a pregnancy test can be carried out. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(c) Explain how the *due date* of a baby can be calculated. (8 marks)

(d) Identify **four** symptoms that may be experienced during pregnancy. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(e) State **two** functions of an ultrasound. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

(f) Why is it important for a woman to take folic acid? (4 marks)

At what stage should folic acid be taken? (4 marks)

(g) Discuss 'smoking during pregnancy'. (12 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) Identify **four** conditions / special needs that may require a person to use a wheelchair. (12 marks)

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

- (b) Describe the challenge that the person in the photograph below is experiencing. (4 marks)



- Suggest **two** ways that the challenge could be addressed. (8 marks)

1. _____
 2. _____
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(c) Identify **four** other challenges that people who use wheelchairs sometimes experience. (12 marks)

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

(d) Name the aid shown in the photograph below and state its purpose. (12 marks)



Name _____

Purpose

1. _____

2. _____

(e) Discuss the factors that a wheelchair user would need to consider when planning a holiday. (12 marks)

8. (a) Identify **four** possible causes of speech and language disorders. (12 marks)

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

(b) Match **each** speech / language disorder with the correct explanation. (12 marks)

<i>Speech / language disorder</i>		<i>Explanation</i>	
1	Lisp	A	The flow of speech is disrupted by hesitating or repeating sounds, syllables or words.
2	Mute	B	Difficulty pronouncing letters like 's' or 'z'.
3	Stutter (Stammer)	C	Lack of ability to speak.

Indicate A, B or C

1. *Lisp* matches with _____
2. *Mute* matches with _____
3. *Stutter (Stammer)* matches with _____

(c) How might a speech and language disorder affect a child at school?
Give **two** points under **each** heading. (24 marks)

Education

1. _____

2. _____

Social

1. _____

2. _____

Emotional

1. _____

2. _____

(d) Identify **four** methods / tools, other than speech, that can be used to communicate.
(12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Section 5 - Older People

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

9. (a) Outline **four** practical steps that older people can take to prepare their homes for the winter months. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (b) Give **two** reasons why is it recommended that older people receive the flu vaccine. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (c) Why is it necessary to receive the vaccine each year? (4 marks)

- (d) What advice would you give to an older person when choosing clothing suitable for wearing in cold weather? (12 marks)

(e) Suggest **four** practical ways that you could be a good neighbour to an older person particularly in winter time. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(f) Discuss the safety measures that older people can take if it is necessary for them to go outdoors during severe weather conditions. (12 marks)



10. (a) State **four** benefits of physical activity for older people. (12 marks)

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

(b) Give **four** reasons why many older people consider it important to continue to drive a car as they get older. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

(c) Identify **four** factors that can impact on an older person's ability to drive safely. (12 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- (d) Describe **two** features that an older person might look for when buying a car that might assist him / her when driving. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (e) Give **two** points of information on the *free travel scheme*. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

- (f) Discuss **two** *stereotypical assumptions* or *myths* surrounding older people and the ageing process. (8 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

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