

TEACHERS COLLEGES OF JAMAICA
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 2018-EXAMINATIONS
COMMON PAPER
LANGUAGE ARTS
LITERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM
[LA311GEB]

YEAR: 3
SECONDARY

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Candidates are required to answer any TWO questions.

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1. Despite the importance of content area literacy in the classroom, many teachers in the Jamaican classroom often complain of the vast number of challenges they face regarding children's literacy skills.
 - a) Discuss ONE reason why a student-teacher should do a course called Literacy Across the Curriculum. (5 marks)
 - b) Explain THREE challenges that a content area literacy teacher may face in the Jamaican classroom. (9 marks)
 - c) Discuss THREE roles that the content area literacy teacher can play to alleviate these challenges. (9 marks)
Use of English (2 marks)

- 2.a) Briefly explain the importance of assessment in the literacy classroom. (4 marks)
- b) List THREE instruments that can be used to assess students' literacy skills. (3 marks)
- c) Choose TWO of the assessment instruments listed and explain how each may be used in the literacy classroom to identify and or determine students' literacy needs. (16 marks)
Use of English (2 marks)

- 3.a) Identify FOUR comprehension strategies that could be used to facilitate students' understanding of content area materials. (4 marks)
- b) Select ONE of the strategies identified and show in a step-by-step manner how you would use this strategy to assist learners' understanding of the passage on the following page. (19 marks)
Use of English (2 marks)

How Trees Grow

Although oak trees live up to 1000 years, they, like all trees, start from a tiny seed. All seeds need sunlight, water, and soil to grow. Nature finds a way to scatter the seeds from plants so they can grow away from the shadow of their parent.

Maple

Maple trees produce seeds with 'wings' to be blown by the wind. When a squirrel buries nuts for the winter when food is scarce for him, he may have planted a seed. When birds eat berries, cherries, and other fruits, they may spit the seed out, or it will pass through them undigested and be scattered in their dropping. Other seeds may be carried by water.

Acorn

If you watch an acorn grow, you will see that it produces two shoots. Whichever way you plant the acorn. One shoot grows down to form a root while the other shoot grows up to become a tree trunk. Most trees produce thousands of seeds each year, but only one seed needs to survive and grow for the tree to replace itself.

Conifer

Conifer trees have male and female cones instead of flowers. You may have seen large quantities of fine yellow powder at the foot of a pine tree. This is pollen from the male pine cones, and it is carried to the female cones by the wind. Female cones are larger than male cones. Once female cones are pollinated, they begin to harden and close up. They can remain closed for several years while the seed ripens inside. On a warm day when the cone is ready, it will open to allow its single-winged seeds to be carried away by the wind.

Some cones, like those of the lodgepole pine, only release their seeds after a fire. This is nature's way of recreating a forest after it has been buried.

Source: Improving Early Literacy by Mille,

W.H. (2005)

4. a) Explain FOUR benefits that can be derived from teaching vocabulary. (8 marks)
 - b) Identify FOUR vocabulary skills and give two examples of each. (8 marks)
 - c) Describe how you would employ a strategy/activity to teach ONE of the skills identified. (9 marks)
- Use of language (2 marks)
5. a) Briefly outline FOUR study skills that should be developed in the literacy classroom. (8 marks)
 - b) Select TWO skills outlined and describe ONE activity for each skill that can be used to develop it. (15 marks).
- Language (2 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION

