

TEACHERS COLLEGES OF JAMAICA

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

MAY 2016 - EXAMINATIONS

COMMON PAPER

LANGUAGE ARTS

INTRODUCTION TO LITERACY DEVELOPMENT FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

[LA211GEB]

**YEARS 1
SECONDARY**

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Candidates are required to answer any TWO questions.

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Answer TWO questions.

1. There is compelling evidence to suggest that reading and writing abilities develop concurrently and should be nurtured. (Vacca et al, 2012)
 - a) Briefly explain THREE reasons that support this statement. (6 marks)
 - b) Briefly describe TWO strategies that could be utilized to bring out both skills. (6 marks)
 - c) Select one of the strategies described in (b) above and show sequentially how you would use it with a group of students to enhance the reading/writing connection. (11 marks)
(Use of Language 2 marks)

2. a) Briefly describe any THREE of the following comprehension strategies. (9 marks)
 - DRTA
 - KWL
 - QAR
 - QTA
 - b. Choose one of the above strategies and show, step by step, how you would use it to help students comprehend the passage below. (14 marks)
(Be sure to include 3 questions, one at each comprehension level, in the developmental aspect of the lesson. Additionally, a clear introduction and conclusion must be evident)
(Use of Language 2 marks)

Fixing a flat tyre is one of the simple things that can be done by anyone. After noticing that one of the tyres on the vehicle has gone flat, quickly, but cautiously move to the shoulder of the road or to an area where you will not obstruct any vehicles. When you have come to a complete stop, put your hazard lights on and pull your hand brake up. Observe from which direction cars are approaching and place a bright object ten feet away from your car in that direction. Get the tools that you need to make this change; tools being jack, wheel spanner and spare tyre. Take the spanner and loosen the nuts on the damaged wheel. Then place the jack in the space provided beneath the vehicle. Turn the jack's handle until the damaged wheel is an inch or two off the ground. Then completely remove the nuts and the wheel. Replace the space with the spare wheel. Be sure to align the holes on the wheel with the bolts on the hub. When this is in place replace the nuts and tighten until the wheel begins to spin. Lower the vehicle and again tighten the nuts. Place the tools back in the trunk of the vehicle and you may proceed to your original destination. Hopefully another tyre will not go flat before the damaged tyre gets fixed.

Extract from Writing in English: A Course Book for Caribbean Students, pg 351, Hazel Simmons-McDonald et. al. (1997)

3. a) Identify and explain FOUR benefits of oral language to literacy development. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss THREE strategies/activities you would employ to engage children in oral discourse for oral language development. (15 marks)
(Use of Language 2 marks)
4. Vocabulary plays a critical role in various aspects of children's literacy development.
- a) Briefly discuss FIVE points to support this statement. (5 marks)
- b) Explain in detail THREE strategies/activities which may help in vocabulary building. (18 marks)
(Use of Language 2 marks)
5. There are several factors that directly influence children's literacy experiences and ultimately their literacy development.
- a) List and briefly describe FOUR such factors. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss how any THREE of the factors identified above can influence literacy development. (15 marks)
(Use of Language 2 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION

