

Paper – 201 Child Development

1. Main objectives

- Aims and objective of this paper is to give the student knowledge about the foundations of child development in research and practice. In case they want to practices as child psychologists, that is, maybe working with a paediatrician in a hospital, these basics will give them knowledge about the normal and abnormal development in a child.

2. The Scheme of question paper:

1. The paper will consist four units:
2. Each Unit Should be given equal weightage in examinati on
3. Total Marks are 100.
70: External Examination
30: Internal evaluation
(Duration of examination: 3 hours)

Unit – 1 History, Theory and applied directions

- Child Development as a scientific, Applied and Interdisciplinary field
- Basic Issues
- Historical foundations
- Theoretical perspectives
 - Psychoanalytical
 - Behaviourism
 - Social Learning
 - Piaget's Cognitive Development

Unit – 2 Research strategies

- Common methods used to study children
- Reliability and validity
- Clinical research design
- Designs for studying development
- Ethics in research on children

Unit – 3 Foundation of Development

- Prenatal development
- Childbirth
- Infancy
- The newborn
- Motor development
- Perceptual development
- Puberty

Unit – 4 Cognitive Developments and Information Processing approach

- Piaget's Cognitive Developmental theory
- The Sensorimotor stage
- The Concrete Operational Stage
- The Formal Operational Stage
- Evaluation of Piaget's theory
- General Models
- Developmental theories
 - Attention
 - Memory
 - Intelligence, definition, Intelligence test for children
 - Computation and distribution of IQ scores.

BASIC BOOK

1. Berk Laura E (2003) "Child Development " (Sixth Edition) Pearson Education (Indian Edition) New Delhi

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2. Tyagi M (2007) Developmental Psychology Avishkar, Publishing Jaipur
3. Santrock J.W (2004) life span Development Tata Mc Grow Hill New Delhi
4. Hurlock E.B.(1978) Child Development , MC Grow Hill , New Delhi.