# STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF SYLLABUS (Paper I and Paper II)

# Paper I (for classes 1 to V) Primary Stage

# I. Child Development and Pedagogy

30 Questions

#### a) Child Development (Primary School Child)

15 Questions

- Concept of development and its relationship with learning
- Principles of the development of children
- · Influence of Heredity & Environment
- Socialization processes: Social world & children (Teacher, Parents, Peers)
- Piaget, Kohlberg and Vygotsky: constructs and critical perspectives
- Concepts of child-centered and progressive education
- · Critical perspective of the construct of Intelligence
- Multi-Dimensional Intelligence
- Language & Thought
- Gender as a social construct; gender roles, gender-bias and educational practice
- Individual differences among learners, understanding differences based on diversity of language, caste, gender, community, religion etc.
- Distinction between Assessment for learning and assessment of learning; School-Based Assessment, Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation; perspective and practice
- Formulating appropriate questions for assessing readiness levels of learners; for enhancing learning and critical thinking in the classroom and for assessing learner achievement.

# b) Concept of Inclusive education and understanding children with special needs 5 Questions

- Addressing learners from diverse backgrounds including disadvantaged and deprived
- Addressing the needs of children with learning difficulties, 'impairment' etc.
- Addressing the Talented, Creative, Specially abled Learners

# c) Learning and Pedagogy

- How children think and learn; how and why children 'fail' to achieve success in school performance.
- Basic processes of teaching and learning; children's strategies of learning; learning as a social activity; social context of learning.
- Child as a problem solver and a 'scientific investigator'
- Alternative conceptions of learning in children, understanding children's 'errors' as significant steps in the learning process.
- Cognition & Emotions
- Motivation and learning
- Factors contributing to learning personal & environmental

II. Language I 30 Questions

#### a) Language Comprehension

15 Questions

Reading unseen passages - two passages one prose or drama and one poem with questions on comprehension, inference, grammar and verbal ability (Prose passage may be literary, scientific, narrative or discursive)

### b) Pedagogy of Language Development

15 Questions

- · Learning and acquisition
- Principles of language Teaching
- Role of listening and speaking; function of language and how children use it as a tool
- Critical perspective on the role of grammar in learning a language for communicating ideas verbally and in written form
- Challenges of teaching language in a diverse classroom; language difficulties, errors and disorders
- Language Skills
- Evaluating language comprehension and proficiency: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Teaching- learning materials: Textbook, multi-media materials, multilingual resource of the classroom
- Remedial Teaching

# III. Language - II 30 Questions

#### a) Comprehension

15 Questions

Two unseen prose passages (discursive or literary or narrative or scientific) with question on comprehension, grammar and verbal ability

### b) Pedagogy of Language Development

- · Learning and acquisition
- Principles of language Teaching
- Role of listening and speaking; function of language and how children use it as a tool
- Critical perspective on the role of grammar in learning a language for communicating ideas verbally and in written form;
- Challenges of teaching language in a diverse classroom; language difficulties, errors and disorders
- Language Skills
- Evaluating language comprehension and proficiency: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Teaching learning materials: Textbook, multi-media materials, multilingual resource of the classroom
- Remedial Teaching

# IV Mathematics 30 Questions

# a) Content

15 Questions

- · Geometry
- Shapes & Spatial Understanding
- Solids around Us
- Numbers
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Measurement
- Weight
- Time
- Volume
- Data Handling
- Patterns
- Money

# b) Pedagogical issues

15 Questions

- Nature of Mathematics/Logical thinking; understanding children's thinking and reasoning patterns and strategies of making meaning and learning
- · Place of Mathematics in Curriculum
- Language of Mathematics
- Community Mathematics
- · Evaluation through formal and informal methods
- · Problems of Teaching
- · Error analysis and related aspects of learning and teaching
- Diagnostic and Remedial Teaching

# V. Environmental Studies

a) Content

30 Questions

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15 Questions

i. Family and Friends:

Relationships

Work and Play

Animals

**Plants** 

- ii. Food
- iii. Shelter
- iv. Water
- v. Travel
- vi. Things We Make and Do

# b) Pedagogical Issues

15 Questions

- Concept and scope of EVS
- · Significance of EVS, integrated EVS
- Environmental Studies & Environmental Education
- Learning Principles
- Scope & relation to Science & Social Science
- · Approaches of presenting concepts
- Activities
- Experimentation/Practical Work
- Discussion
- CCE

a)

- Teaching material/Aids
- Problems

# Paper II (for classes VI to VIII) Elementary Stage

# I. Child Development and Pedagogy

30 Questions

# Child Development (Elementary School Child)

- · Concept of development and its relationship with learning
- Principles of the development of children
- Influence of Heredity & Environment
- Socialization processes: Social world & children (Teacher, Parents, Peers)
- Piaget, Kohlberg and Vygotsky: constructs and critical perspectives
- · Concepts of child-centered and progressive education
- Critical perspective of the construct of Intelligence
- Multi-Dimensional Intelligence
- Language & Thought
- · Gender as a social construct; gender roles, gender-bias and educational practice
- Individual differences among learners, understanding differences based on diversity of language, caste, gender, community, religion etc.
- Distinction between Assessment for learning and assessment of learning; School-Based Assessment, Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation: perspective and practice
- Formulating appropriate questions for assessing readiness levels of learners; for enhancing learning and critical thinking in the classroom and for assessing learner achievement.

### b) Concept of Inclusive education and understanding children with special needs

5 Questions

- Addressing learners from diverse backgrounds including disadvantaged and deprived
- · Addressing the needs of children with learning difficulties, 'impairment' etc.
- Addressing the Talented, Creative, Specially abled Learners

### c) Learning and Pedagogy

10 Questions

- How children think and learn; how and why children 'fail' to achieve success in school performance.
- Basic processes of teaching and learning; children's strategies of learning; learning as a social activity; social context of learning.
- Child as a problem solver and a 'scientific investigator'
- Alternative conceptions of learning in children, understanding children's 'errors' as significant steps in the learning process.
- Cognition & Emotions
- · Motivation and learning
- Factors contributing to learning personal & environmental

# II. Language I

30 Questions

#### a) Language Comprehension

15 Questions

Reading unseen passages - two passages one prose or drama and one poem with questions on comprehension, inference, grammar and verbal ability (Prose passage may be literary, scientific, narrative or discursive)

#### b) Pedagogy of Language Development

- Learning and acquisition
- Principles of language Teaching
- · Role of listening and speaking; function of language and how children use
- it as a tool
- Critical perspective on the role of grammar in learning a language for communicating ideas verbally and in written form;
- Challenges of teaching language in a diverse classroom; language difficulties, errors and disorders
- Language Skills
- Evaluating language comprehension and proficiency: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Teaching- learning materials: Textbook, multi-media materials, multilingual resource of the classroom
- · Remedial Teaching

# III. Language-II 30 Questions

#### a) Comprehension

15 Questions

Two unseen prose passages (discursive or literary or narrative or scientific) with question on comprehension, grammar and verbal ability

#### b) Pedagogy of Language Development

15 Questions

- · Learning and acquisition
- Principles of language Teaching
- Role of listening and speaking; function of language and how children use it as a tool
- Critical perspective on the role of grammar in learning a language for communicating ideas verbally and in written form;
- Challenges of teaching language in a diverse classroom; language difficulties, errors and disorders
- Language Skills
- Evaluating language comprehension and proficiency: speaking, listening, reading and writing
- Teaching learning materials: Textbook, multi-media materials, multilingual resource of the classroom
- Remedial Teaching

#### IV. Mathematics and Science

60 Questions

#### (i) Mathematics

30 Questions

a) Content

20 Questions

#### v Number System

- Knowing our Numbers
- · Playing with Numbers
- Whole Numbers
- Negative Numbers and Integers
- Fractions

# v Algebra

- · Introduction to Algebra
- · Ratio and Proportion

#### v Geometry

- Basic geometrical ideas (2-D)
- Understanding Elementary Shapes (2-D and 3-D)
- Symmetry: (reflection)
- Construction (using Straight edge Scale, protractor, compasses)

- Mensuration
- Data handling

# b) Pedagogical issues

10 Questions

- · Nature of Mathematics/Logical thinking
- · Place of Mathematics in Curriculum
- Language of Mathematics
- Community Mathematics
- Evaluation
- · Remedial Teaching
- Problem of Teaching

#### i) Science

30 Questions

a) Content 20 Questions

- Food
  - Sources of food
  - Components of food
  - Cleaning food
- ❖ Materials
  - Materials of daily use
- The World of the Living
- MovingThings People and Ideas
- How things work
  - · Electric current and circuits
  - Magnets
- Natural Phenomena
- ❖ Natural Resources

# b) Pedagogical issues

- Nature & Structure of Sciences
- · Natural Science/Aims & objectives
- Understanding & Appreciating Science
- · Approaches/Integrated Approach
- Observation/Experiment/Discovery (Method of Science)
- Innovation
- Text Material/Aids
- Evaluation cognitive/psychomotor/affective
- Problems
- Remedial Teaching