



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**Faculty of Education**  
**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**Course code: PED 312**

**Course title: Fundamentals of Early Childhood and Primary Education**

**Credit Unit: 2**

**Time allowed: Two hours**

**Instruction: Answer question one and any other two questions**

**Question 1**

- i. Vividly describe the nature of early childhood curriculum in Nigeria (15 marks)
- ii. Vividly describe the nature of primary school curriculum in Nigeria (15 marks)

**Question 2**

Write short notes on the following teaching methods:

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| (i) Project teaching method | (8 marks) |
| (ii) Discussion method      | (6 marks) |
| (iii) Demonstration method  | (6 marks) |

**Question 3**

- i. Outline six objectives of early childhood education according to National Policies on Education (10 marks)
- ii. Describe the minimum standard guidelines for Establishment of early childhood and pre-primary schools in in Nigeria (10 marks)

**Question 4**

- i. Describe minimum standard guidelines for the Establishment of primary schools in Nigeria (8 marks)
- ii. Outline and explain 5 challenges affecting early childhood education in Nigeria (12 marks)