

## **Education and Childhood Studies**

**Time Allowed – 1.5 hours**

**Answer two questions**

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1. Children should follow a play-based curriculum until they are 7 years old. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this statement.
2. Parents and family play an important role in education, and should be involved in decisions made in schools. Discuss whether you agree or disagree with this statement.
3. Schools are able to influence the contents of children's lunchboxes. Discuss the arguments surrounding this issue.
4. The content of the National Curriculum should be the same for every UK country (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland). Discuss the main issues on both sides of this debate.
5. Present a case for the inclusion of a subject or topic in the National Curriculum, which is not currently present. Justify your choice.
6. A pupil's final grades in school should be decided by teacher assessment rather than formal exams and coursework. Discuss whether you agree or disagree with this statement.
7. Outline the strengths and weaknesses of teaching in mixed-age groups.
8. Literacy and Numeracy are the most important topics in primary and secondary schools. Discuss whether you agree or disagree with this statement.
9. Do you think that boys and girls should be taught separately for certain subjects? Why?
10. Discuss the arguments for and against the reintroduction of grammar schools.