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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION

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This Question Paper consists of **2 pages** including this cover page.

Instructions

1. **Answer *only four questions*.**
2. **Read the questions carefully before you answer.**
3. **Please note that cheating in the examination will result in a fail.**

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Choose any four of the five questions provided.

QUESTION 1

For effective literacy instruction, Junior Primary teachers are required to demonstrate an understanding of reading sub-skills such as phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, and phonics. With practical examples, differentiate between these three concepts and clarify how teachers can develop them among their learners for initial reading skills. (25)

QUESTION 2

"Namibia is a multicultural society that respects learners' dignity and diversity."

With relevant examples, discuss this statement and illustrate how you, as a language teacher, can respond to learners' diversity. Also, clearly explain how you can use differentiated instruction to respond to learners' learning needs. (25)

QUESTION 3

"*Language learning starts at home.*" Critically evaluate this statement and:

a) With relevant examples, explain the role of parents and caregivers in developing a love for reading. (10)
b) Suggest methods parents can use to encourage and introduce their children to early literacy skills. (15)

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QUESTION 4

You learned about best practices for teaching writing in Chapter 13 of the prescribed reading.

a) Define model writing and explain its importance for developing writing skills. (6)
b) Discuss 5 evidence-based practices for teaching writing skills. (10)
c) In grade 4, learners are expected to *produce well-organised, coherent pieces of writing.* Create a rubric that teachers can use to assess a creative writing task (9)

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QUESTION 5

To be successful in the 21st century, young children must become proficient in both traditional and digital literacies (Mckenaa, et al.,2013), and teachers should expose learners to technology. Critically discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using technology to teach reading and writing skills in Namibian schools. [25]

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