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Children's Care, Play, Learning & Development: Core

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

You must use a pen with black or blue ink.

Every question shows four possible answers, only one is correct.

You must attempt every question by identifying the correct response on the paper:
a, b, c or d.

You must tick "✓" **one** correct response.

This paper contains **65** questions.

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1. Identify which of the following defines the approach for every child being treated as individuals, equally and not to experience any discrimination against them.

(a)	A behaviour approach.	
(b)	A rights-based approach.	
(c)	An advocacy approach.	
(d)	A positive approach.	

2. Why is promoting Welsh culture important for children in a childcare setting?

(a)	To encourage understanding of Welsh policies and procedures.	
(b)	To provide links to key legislation and national policies.	
(c)	To encourage sense of belonging and feeling part of the community.	
(d)	To support and understand other cultures in the world.	

3. It is important to share information of a child's cultural background with the setting. How would sharing this information support the child's needs in a positive way?

(a)	A child can be given different activities to do.	
(b)	The child's health can be promoted.	
(c)	A child's culture can be valued, and celebrated.	
(d)	The information shared can be recorded.	

4. What are the benefits of supporting behaviour with the use of positive approaches?

(a)	To aim for set and formal behaviour patterns.	
(b)	To be positive of anti-social behaviours in the setting.	
(c)	To regularly change the behaviour approaches.	
(d)	To provide consistent approaches and responses.	

5. Identify the legislation which offers the greatest protection against discrimination in Wales.

(a)	The Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015	
(b)	The Children Act 1989 and 2004.	
(c)	Wales – A Play Friendly Country 2004.	
(d)	Equality Act 2010.	

6.   Identify what is meant by children being able to take risks in play.

(a)	To encourage children to challenge themselves safely.	
(b)	To provide dangerous opportunities in play.	
(c)	To take all risks in play away from the environment.	
(d)	Removing all supervision and support.	

7.   Identify the most effective methods of how children develop Welsh language skills in a childcare setting.

(a)	Develop language through children only speaking Welsh.	
(b)	Learns a new language through only using Welsh words.	
(c)	Develop language through Welsh language play activities.	
(d)	Learns how to write in a new language by copying from books.	

8.   What is most important for childcare staff when setting positive behaviour boundaries for young children?

(a)	To create a friendly environment for some children in the setting.	
(b)	To identify and agree on achievable behaviour goals.	
(c)	To support children and recognise negative behaviour.	
(d)	To report any concerns in promoting positive behaviour.	

9.   There are varied types of change and transitions that may occur during a child's life.

Which of the following is an example of a transition that children would experience as a major life event?

(a)	Eating a new type of vegetable.	
(b)	Starting full-time or part-time school.	
(c)	Regularly staying at grandparents.	
(d)	Brushing their teeth with a new toothpaste.	

10.   Parents have legal rights and responsibilities. Which of these statements describe a person with 'parental responsibilities?

(a)	A legal right to make decisions about a child's upbringing.	
(b)	The responsibility for accessing personal information.	
(c)	The responsibility to leave the child in pre-school care.	
(d)	The legal responsibility to provide funds into a bank account.	

11. Identify how to support wellbeing and inclusion in a childcare setting.

(a)	Promote a healthy, safe and equal environment.	
(b)	Provide positive behaviour support for staff.	
(c)	Provide a social, free time environment.	
(d)	Promote visits from health professionals.	

12. What is meant by 'relationship-centred working'?

(a)	A process of exchanging thoughts and ideas.	
(b)	A personal approach to support positive relationships.	
(c)	A workforce team to solve problems.	
(d)	Development of a database for personal information.	

13. Communication is effective when all those involved understand the meaning expressed within the message and listen carefully to what has been said.

Which of the following statements defines 'effective communication'?

(a)	Focusing on own thoughts and opinions.	
(b)	Gathering together the information and recording it.	
(c)	Sharing others emotional and personal information.	
(d)	The process of exchanging ideas, thoughts and opinions.	

14. Personal values and beliefs can have an impact on own attitude and behaviour.

Which of the following would be the appropriate practice when working with children and families/carers?

(a)	To have a positive attitude, for children and families/carers to feel good about themselves and the setting.	
(b)	To make presumptions about children and their family/carers values and backgrounds.	
(c)	To use stereotyping to develop an understanding of family backgrounds.	
(d)	To pass on personal values and beliefs for family/carers to change theirs.	

15. What must be completed before a setting can place images of children on the setting website?

(a)	Ensure the room is tidy and there are new wall displays that will be in the photos.	
(b)	Ensure all staff are dressed well in their uniforms for the website.	
(c)	Ensure parents have given written consent for their child's photo to be used.	
(d)	Ensure that there are a wide range of areas available to be photographed.	

16. Promoting children's wellbeing is a key part of keeping them safe.

    Which of the following factors will greatly impact a child's health and wellbeing?

(a)	Being unable to have a mobile phone.	
(b)	Missing out on a child's party.	
(c)	Hunger and lack of sleep.	
(d)	Not having clean clothes.	

17. Abbie has an additional learning need and prefers to choose her own play activities during play time instead of playing in the group. How could her key worker support her to do this?

(a)	By providing her with the opportunity to have more fun.	
(b)	By providing her with the opportunity to learn communication skills.	
(c)	By providing her with a positive learning experience of her own choice.	
(d)	By providing opportunities to have a positive relationship with her key worker.	

18. Sitting up without support is an expected physical development milestone for a baby. Which milestone would a baby be expected to reach next?

(a)	Holds their head up without support.	
(b)	Pull themselves up to stand with support.	
(c)	Swing their arm around to reach out.	
(d)	Walk around the room without support.	

19. Why do childcare settings need to provide periods of 'quiet time' as well as physical activity?

(a)	To allow staff time to set up new activities for the children.	
(b)	To ensure children have time to have a snack and a drink.	
(c)	To give staff time to complete daily record sheets for the children.	
(d)	To give the children time to rest and think about their experiences.	

20. A child who has communication difficulties would be referred to which of the following professionals?

(a)	Speech and language therapist.	
(b)	Play therapist.	
(c)	Physiotherapist.	
(d)	Education Psychologist.	

21. What guidance would a childcare worker use to create a new medication policy for the setting?

(a)	Health and Safety Act 1974.	
(b)	National Minimum Standards for Regulated Childcare 2016.	
(c)	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at Work Regulations 1992.	
(d)	Manual Handling Operations 1992.	

22. How can children protect their teeth in the best way for long term tooth care?

(a)	Brush teeth twice a day, using a fluoride toothpaste.	
(b)	Brush teeth once a day, after eating sweets.	
(c)	Use a mouth wash and rinse teeth.	
(d)	Use a charcoal toothpaste and rinse.	

23. When working with a group of children on an activity, you notice one of the children who is non-verbal and has wet themselves. What should you do?

(a)	Bring some clean clothes over to change the child.	
(b)	Wait until all the children finish the activity.	
(c)	Call out and tell another staff member to change them.	
(d)	Comfort the child, ask another member of staff to quietly take them to change.	

24. Which of the following activities would provide a positive experience and encourage children to make healthy food choices?

(a)	Make the children chocolate cornflake cakes.	
(b)	Making fruit kebabs with the children.	
(c)	Put a range of plastic healthy foods in the play kitchen.	
(d)	Planting trees in the garden area outside.	

25. Children need to have clear structures and patterns within their daily life. Identify the importance of having consistent routines for children.

(a)	To make time for parents/carers to work.	
(b)	To develop wellbeing and physical activities.	
(c)	To support their wellbeing and development.	
(d)	To allow for more activities and games.	

26. Play is fundamental to children and contributes to each development area.

Which of the following strongly defines why play is important in early childhood?

(a)	Play can improve how children learn the cognitive skills and their problem-solving skills.	
(b)	There are different types of play that children learn from adults.	
(c)	Children cannot learn unless they use their imagination through role play.	
(d)	Play improves the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of children.	

27. The children have had a new play area set up. How would staff assess if the area is stimulating for children?

(a)	The children rest and relax in the area.	
(b)	The children are focused in their play.	
(c)	The children are distracted by different play activity	
(d)	The children leave the area for another.	

28. Identify the legal framework that specifically applies to children with additional needs

(a)	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).	
(b)	The Children Act 1989 and 2004.	
(c)	Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018.	
(d)	The Well-being for Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	

29.   What is the main purpose of a job description for the employee?

(a)	To outline job roles to prevent stress in the work environment.	
(b)	To outline the policies and procedures of the setting.	
(c)	To outline job roles to prevent conflict and stress in the work environment.	
(d)	To outline expectations of own duties and responsibilities.	

30.   A new staff member has started working in a childcare setting. They have asked if they can read the policies and procedures of the setting. Why is it important that they do this?

(a)	So that they can sign the employment contract.	
(b)	So that they know how they should carry out their role.	
(c)	So the manager can sign off their induction paperwork.	
(d)	So that they are aware of their pay and holiday entitlement.	

31.   Which of the following effectively states the importance of 'multi-agency working' for meeting the needs of the children?

(a)	To show other settings effective teamwork.	
(b)	To achieve results for all of the children in the setting.	
(c)	To share knowledge of other roles within the team.	
(d)	To provide continuous care for the children who attend the setting.	

32.   What is the key purpose of the Welsh Language Standards 2018?

(a)	To ensure a multicultural approach in all settings.	
(b)	To make all children who attend nursery settings in Wales bilingual.	
(c)	To promote the use of the Welsh language in all settings.	
(d)	To have more children entering Welsh-medium settings.	

33.   What is the aim of a 'code of conduct'?

(a)	To gain the support of the parents/carers.	
(b)	To maintain and improve professional standards.	
(c)	To set out the job role of professionals.	
(d)	To achieve the funding needed for the setting.	

34. Working as part of a team supports good practice in early years settings. Identify which of the following identifies effective 'team working' to best meet the needs of the children.

(a)	Communicating only when there is a concern or need.	
(b)	Working together regularly to support the wellbeing of children.	
(c)	Meeting annually to discuss supportive actions for children.	
(d)	Focusing on the issues and lack of communication of team working.	

35. Which of the following legislation/guidance states how to maintain confidentiality and share information appropriately?

(a)	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.	
(b)	General Data Protection Regulation 2018.	
(c)	Health and Safety Act 1974.	
(d)	The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.	

36. A member of staff has made a negative comment on social media about a child in the setting, and the parent has complained. What would be the action?

(a)	Make a note of the complaint in case it happens again.	
(b)	There should be an investigation and possible disciplinary actions to follow.	
(c)	See the issue as a possible error and take no action.	
(d)	There should be a meeting to resolve the issue with the parent and child.	

37. Which of the following describes the main focus of individual staff appraisals?

(a)	An opportunity for staff members to discuss their holidays.	
(b)	An opportunity to discuss children that are experiencing difficulties.	
(c)	Provides time for managers to review expectations of their own progress.	
(d)	An opportunity for managers and staff to reflect on professional practice and development.	

38. Which is considered to be the safest method of storing information on children and staff in a school setting?

(a)	Paper copies in a box file in the staff room.	
(b)	On a removable storage device.	
(c)	Paper copies in a file at reception.	
(d)	On a password protected computer.	

39. The newly opened nursery wants to encourage a good practice and positive teamwork within its newly appointed workforce. Which of the following indicates effective teamwork?

(a)	To work in isolation, inspired by self-motivation.	
(b)	Working within a trusting and communicative environment	
(c)	To cover up mistakes and protect each other's interests.	
(d)	To work only with others with the same type of personality.	

40. Which of these statements defines 'e-safety' protection for children?

(a)	Reduce electrical faults and having safe use of electronic equipment.	
(b)	Maximise awareness of personal safety and security risks while online.	
(c)	Provides protection for people who access information stored on a computer.	
(d)	Prevent the use of any form of technology or computer equipment.	

41. What does the term 'whistleblowing' mean?

(a)	Not keeping to the rules of confidentiality.	
(b)	Gossiping outside the childcare setting.	
(c)	Informing parents of changes in the childcare setting.	
(d)	Speaking up about unethical or unprofessional practice.	

42. A child has come into setting wearing dirty clothes and is feeling hungry. What could this indicate?

(a)	Emotional abuse.	
(b)	Physical abuse.	
(c)	Neglect.	
(d)	Sexual abuse.	

43. Identify the importance of child-centred practices being followed in response of a safeguarding concern.

(a)	To involve managers in the decision-making process.	
(b)	To gain the views of parents/carers on the care of their children.	
(c)	To ensure the child's wishes are part of the decision-making process.	
(d)	To allow professionals time to report their views and opinions.	

44. What is considered as appropriate practice following a child disclosing a situation where they were harmed?

(a)	Collect further information and type up once ready to complete.	
(b)	Provide written details to the safeguarding officer as soon as possible.	
(c)	Pass the details on when more evidence has been gathered.	
(d)	Verbally explain to the school secretary who can type up the report.	

45. Identify the role of a children's advocate in a safeguarding case.

(a)	To inform the parents/carers of the child's views and feelings.	
(b)	To represent the school in the safeguarding case.	
(c)	To speak the wishes and feelings on behalf of the child.	
(d)	To represent the parents/carers in the safeguarding case.	

46. What would be considered as safe practice to ensure the protection of childcare workers?

(a)	Ensuring there are always more than one member of staff present.	
(b)	Ensuring the visitors book has been completed by visitors.	
(c)	Checking the names and addresses of parents/carers of children.	
(d)	Making sure the nursery gate is securely locked.	

47. Identify the appropriate response to a concern of child neglect.

(a)	Provide clean clothing and wash the child daily.	
(b)	Speak to the parents/carers regarding the concern.	
(c)	Raise the issue in the next staff meeting.	
(d)	Record and report the concern as soon as possible.	

48. During a time playing with a dolls house, a child disclosed that they are locked in their bedroom at home after school time. What could this indicate?

(a)	Emotional and physical abuse.	
(b)	Physical and sexual abuse.	
(c)	Neglect and emotional abuse.	
(d)	Sexual and emotional abuse.	

49.   Which of the following best describes the correct procedure when recording children's personal details?

(a)	Personal details of children are to be completed ready for an inspection.	
(b)	Children's personal details must be regularly reviewed and factual.	
(c)	Personal details are only recorded when children begin nursery.	
(d)	Children's personal details are not needed if staff know the family/carers.	

50.   Which of the following describes the appropriate actions needed to safeguard the welfare of a child?

(a)	To inform the child and the parents/carers of what is best for the child.	
(b)	To ensure any concern or suspicion is reported and investigated.	
(c)	To ensure that parents/carers are aware of the safeguarding procedures.	
(d)	To take the time to gain an understanding of protecting of children.	

51.   What is meant by the term 'e-safety'?

(a)	Using electric equipment safely.	
(b)	The safe use of lifting equipment.	
(c)	The information and communication hub.	
(d)	Online safety or internet safety.	

52.   Childcare practice is important when safeguarding children.

Which of the following legislation includes safeguarding?

(a)	The Human Rights Act 1998.	
(b)	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	
(c)	The Children Act 1989 and 2004.	
(d)	The Equality Act 2010.	

53.   Identify who is responsible for health and safety in the workplace.

(a)	All staff that work in the setting.	
(b)	The caretaker and senior staff.	
(c)	The manager and deputy manager.	
(d)	The children in the setting.	

54.   What is the main role of the employer in a childcare setting in relation to fire safety?

(a)	To check the records of the fire drill practices.	
(b)	To consider the safety of staff.	
(c)	To ensure staff know and practice the fire drill procedures.	
(d)	To check fire extinguishers are in the building.	

55.   Identify the importance of recording incidents in relation to health and safety.

(a)	So parents can have more trust in the staff.	
(b)	So incidences can be evaluated to prevent further accidents.	
(c)	So staff know where health and safety items are kept.	
(d)	So staff know what is expected of them if incidents occur.	

56.   If a staff member is feeling stressed, what should the setting do to support staff when feeing stressed?

(a)	Ensure staff can work a longer day to complete all work.	
(b)	Encourage staff to take time off work and complete work on return.	
(c)	Advise staff to speak to a friend or family member.	
(d)	Encourage staff to speak to their manager or setting leader	

57.   What is meant by the term 'risk assessment'?

(a)	Managing the levels of security in the setting.	
(b)	Removing any risks of harm from the setting.	
(c)	Identifying hazards and reducing risks of harm.	
(d)	Informing others of the hazards in the setting.	

58.   If the setting has several confirmed or suspected cases of an infectious disease, who will need to be informed?

(a)	The local Health Protection Team.	
(b)	The children's Health Visitor.	
(c)	The Environmental Health Officer.	
(d)	The Health and Safety Officer.	

59.   Alex has begun working in the baby room and during her induction the manager stressed the importance of wearing an apron and disposable gloves. Identify the main reason when this protection would be needed.

(a)	When changing the babies in the changing area.	
(b)	To keep the garden planting area tidy.	
(c)	When creating in the art and paint area.	
(d)	To keep uniforms clean so they can be used again.	

60.   Fruit tasting is part of the daily activities in the nursery. What colour chopping board should fruit be prepared on?

(a)	Red.	
(b)	Green.	
(c)	Yellow.	
(d)	Blue.	

61.   Identify the importance of having food safety measures in a childcare setting.

(a)	To collect a food hygiene certificate for the setting.	
(b)	To ensure there is enough food for all the children.	
(c)	To ensure the food looks and tastes nice for the children.	
(d)	To ensure the children do not become ill with food poisoning.	

62.   Jaden has been asked to prepare snacks for the children. Why is it important that all surfaces, utensils and equipment are clean to prepare the snacks?

(a)	To ensure that the snacks are served quickly.	
(b)	To ensure everything is ready to make the snacks.	
(c)	To ensure the snacks are prepared meeting food safety measures	
(d)	To save time and ensure there is no need for cleaning.	

63.   Chloe's relative will be collecting her from nursery and the staff have not met them before. Identify good practice of how children are released from nursery.

(a)	Using an ID card to ensure the person is, who they say they are.	
(b)	Ask other parents waiting, if its ok to let the child leave with the adult.	
(c)	Using an agreed plan and system such as passwords and ID.	
(d)	Ask the child to point out the adult who has come to collect them.	

64.   Where should flammable substances be stored in a childcare setting?

(a)	In a locked cupboard.	
(b)	In the staff room.	
(c)	On a high shelf.	
(d)	In the kitchen.	

65.   Which of the following is the correct key legislation relating to RIDDOR (2013)?

(a)	Reporting of Incidents, Dangerous Disasters and Events Regulations	
(b)	Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations	
(c)	Regulation of Incidents and Dangerous Diseases On Registration	
(d)	Regulations of Important, Dangerous, Diseases and Occupational Risk	

MARK SCHEME: MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

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