General Directions to Candidates

1. Each candidate will present a coursework assignment - Assignment A or Assignment B
   
   and

   attend an interview with the examiner in order to discuss the assignment.
   
   The duration of the interview will be 10 - 15 minutes.

2. Each component of the assignment must be clearly identified by the candidate's examination number.

3. The assignment must:
   
   (a) comply with the assignment briefs given overleaf on pages 2 & 3
   (b) be undertaken during class time, under the supervision of the class teacher
   (c) be completed before 31 May 2012
   (d) be the candidate's own individual work (this must be verified by the school authorities)
   (e) not have been previously assessed as a Student Task (this must be verified by the school authorities).
Carry out an investigation on: Dental Care for Primary School Children.

Design and produce an information booklet for the parents / carers of primary school children on the importance of looking after teeth.

To support the investigation and preparation of the booklet:
- carry out research using books, websites, etc.
- conduct an interview with a dentist, dental nurse or public health nurse using a pre-prepared questionnaire.

Evaluate the final assignment.

The assignment should be presented in portfolio format and include the following information:


- Research on why it is important to have healthy teeth showing evidence of having consulted at least two books, websites etc.

- A record of an interview with a dentist, dental nurse or public health nurse using a pre-prepared questionnaire to find out about: the importance of a care routine for teeth; materials and equipment needed for cleaning teeth; regular dental check-ups.

- An information booklet suitable for the parents / carers of primary school children incorporating information on the following:
  - why healthy teeth are important
  - the importance of visiting the dentist for regular check-ups
  - a care routine for teeth
  - materials and equipment needed for cleaning teeth.

- A record of implementation outlining the following:
  - how the dentist, dental nurse or public health nurse was selected for interview
  - how information for the booklet was compiled
  - time involved
  - costs incurred.

- An evaluation of the overall assignment to include:
  - a critical evaluation of the completed assignment
  - personal strengths and weaknesses in carrying out this assignment
  - how the finished assignment could have been improved.

- A log or diary documenting briefly progress through the planning, carrying out and evaluation stages of the assignment.

- A bibliography.
Childcare/Community Care
Assignment Brief B

Carry out an investigation on: Gardening Activities for Pre-school Children.

Design and produce an information booklet for parents / carers on simple gardening activities suitable for pre-school children.

To support the investigation and preparation of the information booklet:
- carry out research using books, websites, etc.
- conduct an interview with a member of staff working in a garden centre / shop using a pre-prepared questionnaire.

Evaluate the final assignment.

The assignment should be presented in portfolio format and include the following information:


- Research on how gardening activities can support a child’s development. The research should show evidence of having consulted at least two sources e.g. books, web sites, etc.

- A record of an interview with a member of staff working in a garden centre / shop using a pre-prepared questionnaire to find out about: simple gardening activities suitable for preschool children; ideas for easy to grow flowers, vegetables etc.; materials and equipment needed; safety and hygiene factors to consider when gardening.

- An information booklet suitable for parents / carers of pre-school children incorporating information on the following:
  - simple ideas (5) for gardening activities suitable for pre-school children
  - materials and equipment needed for gardening
  - how gardening activities can support a child’s development
  - safety and hygiene practices for young children when gardening.

- A record of implementation outlining the following:
  - how the member of staff working in the garden centre / shop was selected for interview
  - how information for the booklet was compiled
  - time involved
  - costs incurred.

- An evaluation of the overall assignment to include:
  - a critical evaluation of the completed assignment
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