

National Institute of Open Schooling
Senior Secondary: Early Childhood Care and Education
Lesson 1: Early Childhood Care and Education: Meaning and Significance
Worksheet-1

1. Early childhood care and education (ECCE) refers to care and education for all children during their formative years starting from birth to six years. Discuss with your friends and write the meaning and significance of ECCE.
2. Continue to Q1. Do you agree that there is a need to provide quality early care and education to young children? Support your answer with suitable reasons.
3. Every course has its own learning outcomes/objectives. According to National ECCE Curriculum Framework, 2013; list the main aim and key objectives of ECCE?
4. “Early care, stimulating environment and optimum learning opportunities have a lasting impact on the lives of young children”. Comment the statement and justify in your own words that how a protective and stimulating environment is vital for holistic development of children?
5. What do you understand by the term “holistic development”. Also explain the aspects of holistic development of children?
6. ECCE is an integrated program consisting of various components which together contribute to the development and wellbeing of children. Write and discuss at least two components of ECCE program.
7. Early intervention refers to taking necessary actions as early as possible to support children’s developmental and learning needs. Discuss the meaning and significance of early intervention with the help of suitable example from day to day life.
8. There has been a growing awareness about the importance of early years and the need for providing quality early care and learning opportunities to young children. Many educational thinkers have contributed to the field of ECCE, expressing their thoughts about the way children grow, think and develop. Discuss the contribution of at least two educational thinkers of India in the field of early childhood education.
9. The importance of ECCE has been recognized globally. Discuss at least two major initiatives in the field of early childhood education at international level.
10. At present, ECCE services in India are made available through public, private and non-governmental organizations. In the light of this statement discuss the role of public, private and non-governmental organizations in the field of early childhood education.