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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION EXAMINATION

PAPER THREE B
PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

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Time allowed: One and a half hours

Answer **two** questions.

Q. 1. Write critically on **one** of the following:

a) The relevance of metaphysics, epistemology and axiology in the context of education.

or

b) The concept of "child-centred" education.

Q. 2. a) Discuss critically the form of education we find in Plato's Meno and The Republic.

or

b) Outline and evaluate the contribution of the philosophy of Pragmatism to education, making particular reference to the work of John Dewey.

Q. 3. a) "In his Politics, Aristotle outlines what could be called an education for leisure". Critically discuss.

or

b) "Happiness might be defined as the state of having minimal repression." (Neill) Critically examine this assertion in the context of A. S. Neill's views on education.

Q. 4. "Universal education through schooling is not feasible." (Illich) Critically discuss this claim in relation to Ivan Illich's ideas about "deschooling".