

National University of Ireland, Galway

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Master of Education Qualifying Examination

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Time allowed: Three hours

Answer one question from each of the three sections.

Section A: Contemporary Issues in Education

1. Outline the major features of the Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE) Programme at Junior Cycle. Critically discuss the aims and rationale of this programme in the context of the overall aims for second level schooling.
2. Outline the aims, content and assessment procedures of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme. Critically discuss the relationship of the LCAP to the traditional Leaving Certificate programme.

Section B: Adolescence

3. Discuss the development of social relationships during adolescence with particular reference to the role of the teacher and the educational context.
4. Describe the changes in intellectual functioning that take place during adolescence and the implications for teaching and learning.

Section C: Approaches to Educational Research

5. Critically discuss a research thesis with which you are familiar.