

Chapter 1: Getting Started

Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. One of the fundamentals of teaching is to:
 - a) find a position that will give you job security.
 - b) help families become assimilated into American culture.
 - c) engage in reflective teaching.
 - d) reaffirm your own values and beliefs.
2. Effective early childhood teachers:
 - a) love to play with children.
 - b) know and practice child development theory.
 - c) can play several musical instruments
 - d) help preschoolers learn to read.
3. What is the purpose of reflective teaching?
 - a) It helps you find personal meaning in what you do.
 - b) It helps you focus on how you treat children.
 - c) It reinforces your methods of teaching
 - d) It is required by state standards.
4. One role of a teacher is to:
 - a) keep parents out of the classroom.
 - b) make sure all children are happy.
 - c) find time for breaks.

- d) set the emotional tone in the classroom.
5. Which of the following best answers the statement beginning, "Teaching...."?
- a) ends when the children go home.
 - b) tends to be a lonely profession.
 - c) means life-long learning.
 - d) is easy for those who like to plan curriculum.
6. Which of the following is one of the roles of a student teacher?
- a) Help plan parent conferences
 - b) Have previous early childhood experience
 - c) Accept and reflect on feedback
 - d) Play with the children
7. My beliefs about young children include:
- a) they need to be shaped and molded by teachers.
 - b) they learn best when sitting and listening
 - c) they have a lot to learn from me.
 - d) that I have a lot to learn from them.
8. Student teachers do **NOT**:
- a) plan curriculum.
 - b) conduct parent conferences.
 - c) discipline children.
 - d) play with children.
9. As a student teacher, you are:
- a) an apprentice.

- b) on your own.
- c) not a member of the staff.
- d) often in charge.

10. The experienced teachers you work with as a student teacher should:

- a) make you do all the clean up.
- b) help you meet your goals.
- c) require you to attend all meetings.
- d) match your own personality traits.

Essay Questions

1. Are your initial reasons for becoming a teacher still valid after your student teaching experience or have they changed? Give examples.
2. What are the three most important things to remember as you begin to student teach?