

How to prepare for your examination paper

Prof E.C. du Plessis
dplesec@unisa.ac.za



Define tomorrow.

UNISA | 
college of
education

DEMARCATION OR “SCOPING” FOR EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

- In terms of a decision reached by the College, lecturers may not demarcate or “scope” specific work for examination purposes and examination questions should be based on all the work covering the modules.
- T/L 101_2018 (possible exam questions)
- Previous examination papers are available to students on *myUnisa*. **NO MEMORANDUMS ARE AVAILABLE!**

READ THE QUESTION

- You have to think about what the question means and then direct your answer specifically to the question. For example, you cannot discuss or name if the instruction in the question asks you to evaluate.
- Make sure that you follow the instructions of the question very carefully and look at the mark allocation. You cannot write five facts if the question counts 15 marks.
- Manage your time (2 hours).
- Number questions clearly.



PAPER FORMAT

QUESTION 1 (10 x 2 = 20)

- True or False
- Overview of textbook – look at previous papers

QUESTION 2 (4 x 5 = 20)

- Discuss 4 paragraph type questions from the exam questions in T/L 101_2018
- It can be steps or terms or definitions

QUESTION 3 (15)

- Discuss paragraph type questions from the exam questions in T/L 101_2018
- Make sure if you have to draw AND discuss something

QUESTION 4 (15)



Focus on comprehensive instructions and taxonomies as part of effective questioning!

QUESTION 5 (**Essay** type 30 marks)



Introduction, discussion/table, conclusion, own interpretation. Practical application, for example three curriculum approaches or the development of a learning programme (see T/L 101_2018)

Teachers who
Love teaching,
teach
children
to Love
Learning.





Good luck!