**AREA COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

**STUDY GUIDE**

**1. List & Explain five strategies that teachers may utilize in the classroom to enhance the**

 **listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of students.**

**2. Research indicates that the ‘Whole Language Approach’ provides great benefits for young children. Discuss this research in-depth and describe how a whole language classroom should look. Please include references in your information.**

**3. Thoroughly discuss the developmental process and stages of development of preschool children.**

**4. List & explain the pros & cons of rules in the preschool setting.**

**5. What influence does the concept of mathematics have on the development of preschool students?**

**6. What skills do preschool children acquire as they conceptualize mathematical concepts?**

**7. Discuss the history of preschool and explain the factors which led to our present day system of learning in the preschool setting.**

**8. Thoroughly discuss the contributions of the following early childhood theorist: Maria Montessoria, Jean Piaget, Johann Pestalozzi, Friedrich Froebel, Sigmund Freud and Eric Erickson.**

**9. List & explain five significant changes that have impacted the ‘Head Start’ policies within the last five years.**

**10. What is the purpose of NAEYC? Explain why it is important to the preschool.**