Exam Information

Exam Topics and Questions based off of:

**ECE Credential Level 1**
Gateways to Opportunity
Illinois Professional Development System

Exam Topics

I. Child Development Overview
   - An overview of child development for children birth through school-age

II. Learning Happens in Relationships
   - The Learning Relationship: Teachers and Children
   - The learning environment, inside and outside
   - Including children with special needs

III. Child Development (Birth to 8 Months)
   - How they learn and grow
   - Individualizing care

IV. Child Development (8 Months to 18 Months)
   - How they learn and grow
   - Toys, games and songs for 8 to 18 month old children

V. Child Development (18 Months to 36 Months)
   - How they learn and grow
   - Learning language
   - Learning to think
   - Learning to move — big and small
   - Learning about feelings

VI. Preschool Social and Emotional Development
   - Goals for preschooler’s social and emotional learning
   - Promoting discipline in preschool children

VII. Preschool Physical Development
   - Promoting physical development in preschoolers
   - Cross-lateral movement
   - Fine motor activities
VIII. Preschool Language Development
   • Language and literacy
   • Using a literature-based curriculum
   • Adaptations for children with special needs

IX. Preschool Cognitive Development
   • Meaningful learning
   • How preschoolers learn
   • Numbers, shapes, colors, and science

X. School-Age Development
   • How school-age children grow and learn
   • Caring for school-age youth
   • Guidance and setting limits

Sample Questions
1. Which is not one of the four domains of development?

2. Why are the first three years of life the most critical in a child's life?
   a. Their brain is forming  c. Their muscles are forming
   b. Their bones are developing  d. Only the first year is critical

3. Greg is very active and does not share well. He enjoys playing in the sandbox with
   trucks and shovels but does not interact with other children who are playing with
   similar toys. Which statement explains Greg's age?
   a. He is a toddler because this group does not share well and uses parallel play
   b. He is a toddler, because trucks and cooperative play are important parts of
      this development
   c. He is a preschooler, because sensory toys such as sand and trucks promote
      intellectual development for this age group
   d. He is a preschooler because this age group does not share but enjoys shovels

4. Which of the following is a common issue when parenting preschoolers?
   a. Stranger anxiety  c. Separation anxiety
   b. Child being impatient and selfish  d. Frequent temper tantrums

5. ____ and movement provide opportunity of children to practice both small and large
   motor skills.
   a. Music  c. Reading
   b. Math  d. Writing