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**INSTRUCTIONS:** 

Answer 2 questions.

Question 1 is compulsory.

Choose either question 2 or 3 and answer it.

### **QUESTION 1**

# **Compulsory question**

Deep learning requires a curriculum that identifies a subject's epistemic structure. It relies on domain specific knowledge rather than genericism. The starting place for lesson design is disciplinary propositions and concepts to enable deep learning. (Gore, J. 2019)

- 1.1. Explain how deep learning from the cognitivist approach differs from deep learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills approach. (20)
- 1.2. According to Gore, which curriculum structure enables deep learning?Discuss why she argues for this curriculum structure. (10)
- 1.3. Drawing on the deep learning curriculum design coherence model, explain the 5 elements of lesson design that teachers should focus on. (20)

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Choose one of the two questions below.

## **QUESTION 2**

How does Bernstein's theory on vertical and horizontal discourse inform your understanding of your subject or learning area and how you will teach it to learners?

### Guidelines:

- 2.1 Analyse the differences between horizontal and vertical discourse (10)
- 2.2 Analyse the differences between vertical and horizontal knowledge structures. (10)
- 2.3. Analyse your own subject or learning area specialization in terms of the following:
- 2.3.1 Is it a vertical or horizontal discourse? Why? (5)
- 2.3.2 Does it have a horizontal or vertical knowledge structure? Why? (5)
- 2.3.3 Is it context- dependent or context-independent? Why? (5)
- 2.3.4 What are the cognitive gains for students of studying your subject or learning area? (5)

2.3.5 What differentiates your subject from an everyday conversation? You may illustrate by referring to a topic/content in your subject or learning area. Refer to aspects such as conceptual coherence, everyday knowledge, knowledge structure. (10)

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## **QUESTION 3**

Curriculum authors have developed conceptions of curriculum that enable a coherent way to think about curriculum. Neo-conservative traditionalism, technical instrumentalism, post-modern critiques, and social realism are conceptions of curriculum.

3.1 Explain each conception of curriculum.  $(4 \times 10 = 40)$ 

3.2 How do the four conceptions inform the learning of 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills required currently? (10)

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**TOTAL: 100**