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**Teaching Professions**

Mid-Term Exam

50 points

Write or type a short, concise paragraph based on each of the following prompts on another paper. A good “rule of thumb” is the KISS method of writing (Keep It Short and Simple). Assessment will be based upon the completeness of the answer and writing mechanics. Use proper paragraph and sentence construction, and remember to check your spelling and punctuation. Be sure to label each paragraph. Email or save & print on your answers. [Total for mechanics = 10 points]

Paragraph 1

Explain why good communication skills are needed for a teacher to be effective, including communication with students, parents, administrators, and colleagues. [2 points] Give specific examples of the communication skills needed to be effective when dealing with each group (students, parents, administrators, and colleagues). [8 points] [Total = 10 points]

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Paragraph 2

American education has evolved over the last four centuries. During the pre-colonial and pre-Civil War years, religion was integral to students’ education. As late as the 1970’s, some public schools had students recite the Lord’s Prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance. Currently, there is a movement to bring religious values back into public schools as a method to prevent some of the “negative” influences in schools. If religious activities or values are allowed in schools, then all religions (Christian, Catholic, Muslim, Buddhism, Wiccan, etc.), would have equal access to the school and students. Write a short, concise paragraph in which you defend your answer that religion should or should not be brought back to schools. [Total = 8 points]

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Paragraph 3

Identify at least three (3) characteristics or qualities that make the teacher in the video below ineffective, and explain how those qualities/characteristics lead to ineffective teaching. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ke7td3Ll3-8#t=18> [Total = 6 points]

Identify at least three (3) characteristics or qualities that make the teacher in this video below effective, and explain how those qualities/characteristics lead to effective teaching. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9RDfv5OAZQ> [Total = 6 points]

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Paragraph 4

Teachers are an integral part in a student’s success; however, many social issues (poverty, homelessness, violence, substance abuse, child abuse/neglect, family distress) adversely affect a student’s ability to succeed. Write a short, concise paragraph in which you list at least two social issues you know exist in your school district, and explain what a teacher can do to help a student deal with the negative impacts of these issues. You may include an example from your mentor teacher or other teachers you have had. [Total = 10 points]

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