

**Question 26(a)**

Criteria	Marks
• Describes the influence of paid carers on those in their care	3
• Describes some influence of paid carers on those in their care	2
• Provides a point on the influence of paid carers on those in their care	1

*Answer may include:*

- Paid carers include foster parents, residential care for children/young people, direct carers employers by a service or agency, nursing homes, hospitals, hostels, respite care, home nursing, centres for those with disabilities, teachers, after school carers, child care workers, babysitters or nannies.
- Each can have a different impact depending on the amount of time those in care spend in the company of the carer.
- Teachers can build on the knowledge and skills established by the parents and act as role models; young children are often influenced greatly by a caring, compassionate teacher.
- Similarly childcare workers can form emotional bonds with those in their care and teach them the basics of sharing, good manners, acceptable hygiene standards and basic learning of colour, number etc. Children learn to become more responsible for their own decisions and actions. School/child care offer specific rules and regulations that are not normally encountered in the home, such as a special time and place to sit and eat. Teachers are legally considered to act in place of the parents so are responsible for the welfare of the child while they are at school.
- Childcare services are increasingly used by parents who are working. These workers may offer organised activities, sleep, rest, meals and toys that the family may not be able to provide, so providing an advantage to the child.
- Family day care workers care for children on a regular basis in their family home. This may mean the child experiences different toys, organised events and a different environment to the home situation – this helps to broaden the experiences of the young in care.
- Other carers like nannies, doctors, social workers who are trained to treat behavioural problems in children and their family, will all influence the development of the child.
- Paid carers for older individuals can also have an impact. The carer may be a nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist or paid companion. They may be with the person being cared for on a full time basis or provide respite for family members who are carers. There will be positive influences on the individuals when the carer is able to make them more comfortable (in the case of a nurse caring for someone in pain) and negative events when perhaps the carer does not fully understand the needs of those in their care.

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