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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER. MAY 2007

TITLE OF PAPER: CURRICULUM STUDIES IN GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: EDC277

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

STUDENTS: B.ED II AND PGCE

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF SIX QUESTIONS.**
 - 2. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL**
 - 3 EACH QUESTION IS WORTH TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS**
 - 4. YOU ARE ADVISED NOT TO SPEND MORE THAN FORTY FIVE (45) MINUTES ON ANY ONE QUESTION.**

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION IS GIVEN BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

The following are some of the questions a teacher of Geography needs to answer in order to come up with an effective lesson plan:

- (i) What background factors need to be considered in planning a learning experience?
- (ii) What should the learners learn as a result of the learning experience?
- (iii) What knowledge, concepts, generalizations or skills have to be covered and in what order?
- (iv) What experiences will help the learners learn the content?
- (v) How will I know what the learners have learned?

For each of the questions, discuss what stage of the planning process the question addresses, as well as how you can address the question in the planning process. [25 marks]

QUESTION 2

The school's neighbourhood provides the best classroom for the teaching of Geography in the lower forms. Discuss the advantages of using the school's neighbourhood to enhance the teaching and learning of Geography in the lower forms. [25 marks]

QUESTION 3

“By using teaching /learning aids in lessons, the teacher places the pupils in a better position to use all their senses during learning and, in doing so, the teacher creates the opportunity for pupils to become actively involved in the lesson” (van Rooyen and van der Merwe, 1996: 238).

With reference to the above quotation, discuss the importance of teaching/learning aids in the teaching and learning of Geography. [25 marks]

QUESTION 4

- (a) What is meant by assignment work in Geography? (5 marks)
- (b) Discuss how the use of assignments can contribute to the effective teaching and learning of Geography. (20 marks) [25 marks]

QUESTION 5

Geography can be effectively taught if certain principles of learning are observed. Discuss **five** principles of teaching and learning Geography showing clearly how the principles enhance the teaching and learning of Geography. [25 marks]

QUESTION 6

In map work, learners experience some difficulties when dealing with some of the concepts. For each of the concepts listed below, discuss the difficulties the learners are likely to encounter and point out how these difficulties can be addressed.

- i. Scale (5)
- ii. Bearings (5)
- iii. Horizontal distance (5)
- iv. Gradient (5)
- v. Cross section (5)

[25 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER
