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FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER. DECEMBER 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

Geography as a discipline evolved over many centuries starting with the Greeks and Romans to the present day. Discuss briefly how the following individuals contributed to the evolution of Geography as a discipline:

- a) Sebastian Munster; (5 marks)
- b) Carl Ritter; (5 marks)
- c) Charles Darwin; (5 marks)
- d) Paul Vidal de La Blache; and (5 marks)
- e) Halford John Mackinder. (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- a) What is meant by project work in the teaching and learning of Geography? (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using project work in the teaching and learning of Geography. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

Using the topic 'Weathering' for a Form 4 class:

- a) Write an overall aim for the topic. (2 marks)
- b) Write **four** objectives in the cognitive domain. (8 marks)
- c) Write **one** objective in the affective domain. (2 marks)
- d) Write **one** objective in the psychomotor domain. (2 marks)
- e) Describe the teaching/learning activities you would use to teach the topic. (6 marks)
- f) Discuss the method/s of teaching you are going to use in each of the activities. (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the role of topicality in the teaching and learning of geography, pointing out some of the advantages and disadvantages of using topicality in the teaching and learning of geography.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 5

In the teaching and learning of Geography there are some principles to be observed by the teacher in order for effective learning to take place. Discuss five of these principles and point out how they help enhance the teaching and learning of Geography.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

Maps serve as the language of a geographer just as Mathematics serves as the language of a scientist. Discuss the importance of Mapwork in the teaching and learning of Geography. **[25 MARKS]**

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