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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2009

TITLE OF PAPER: CURRICULUM STUDIES IN GEOGRAPHY

COURSE CODE: EDC377

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

STUDENTS: B.ED III AND PGCE

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

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QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss how, as a teacher of Geography, you can assist Geography pupils to form a geographical society. (20 marks)
 - b) What role would you play once the Geographical society has been formed and is fully operational? (5 marks)
- [TOTAL: 25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 2

The IGCSE/SGCSE Geography syllabus requires that candidates undertake fieldwork studies to prove or disprove hypotheses. Discuss the value of fieldwork in the teaching and learning of Geography at secondary school. **[25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 3

There are various methods of testing in Geography. Select either the essay type or the objective type of question and

- a) Give the advantages and disadvantages of the type you have chosen. (10 marks)
 - b) Discuss how you can ensure that the test is appropriate for the level of the pupils. (10 marks).
 - c) Describe how you would go about marking a test on the type of question you chose. (5 marks)
- [TOTAL: 25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 4

Discuss how, as a Head of the Geography Department, you would optimise the teaching and learning of Geography by

- a) deploying staff and learners efficiently (13 marks)
- b) procuring Geography teaching and learning equipment. (12 marks)

[TOTAL: 25 MARKS]

QUESTION 5

One of the topics in the IGCSE/SGCSE Geography syllabus deals with environmental risks and benefits, resource conservation and management. Discuss how the study of Geography may improve the quality of life and the environment. **[25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 6

‘Geography exists as an academic discipline because there are people who call themselves geographers, who have geography degrees, and who teach in geography degree programmes in the university departments of geography.’ (Johnston and Sidaway, 2004: 2).

With reference to the above quotation discuss the role of geography in the creation of career opportunities besides teaching. **[25 MARKS]**

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