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FACULTY OF EDUCATION
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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2012

- COURSE CODE** : **PEC 271**
- TITLE OF PAPER** : **CURRICULUM STUDIES: SOCIAL STUDIES**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **TWO (2) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. **ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**
 2. **EACH QUESTION CARRIES FIFTY (50) MARKS.**
 3. **THE ASSESSMENT OF THIS EXAMINATION SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CORRECT USAGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, THE QUALITY OF EXPRESSION AS WELL AS THE PRESENTATION OF THE ANSWER.**
 4. **INDICATE ON YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET WHETHER YOU ARE FULL TIME (F/T) OR NOT (IDE). APPEND THE INITIALS F.T OR I.D.E. TO YOUR I.D. NUMBER.**

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QUESTION 1

- (a) What is Social Studies? (2 marks)
- (b) Evaluate three arguments that are often used by Social Studies advocates to justify its inclusion in the school curriculum. (18 marks)
- (c) To what extent does Social Studies instruction in Swaziland help the learner achieve two goals of Social Studies instruction. (10 marks)
- (d) Discuss four reasons that explain why Social Studies as a school subject is generally not held in high esteem. (20 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Evaluate three criticisms that were leveled against the Social Studies programme in the Mombasa Conference of 1968. (15 marks)
- (b) How far has Swaziland implemented the resolutions that were taken in the Mombasa conference of 1968. Explain fully. (15 marks)
- (c) Discuss two problems which the Social Studies programme has faced since its inception in Swaziland. (10 marks)
- (d) Suggest two strategies that could be used to minimize the two problems identified above. (10 marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) What is meant by the terms integrated and spiral approaches to teaching Social Studies. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain, as fully as possible, why these approaches are widely used in primary schools. (14 marks)
- (c) Evaluate four pros of the integrated approach. (20 marks)
- (d) Choose a Social Studies topic of your choice and indicate how five or more Social Science disciplines could be integrated to develop the topic. Use a diagram to illustrate your answer. (10 marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) Explain what the term learning resources outside the school refer to. (5 marks)
- (b) A Grade 7 class goes to Durban at the end of second school term. Is that an educational tour or not? Explain. (5 marks)
- (c) Assess two educational values if using learning resources outside the school premises. (10 marks)
- (d) Discuss the main duties and responsibilities of teachers assigned to accompany students on an educational tour. (20 marks)
- (e) What could be done to ensure that teachers who accompany students on an educational tour can account for the monies spent during the tour. (10 marks)