

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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) Briefly outline the relationship between Social Studies and the Social Science disciplines. (3 marks)
- (c) Discuss four arguments that are often used by Social Studies advocates to justify its inclusion on the school curriculum. (20 marks)
- (d) Evaluate three criticism that were leveled against the Social Studies programme in the Mombasa Conference of 1968. (15 marks)
- (e) Identify one resolution taken in Mombasa Conference of 1968 which Swaziland has failed to implement. What could be done to resolve this matter? (10 marks)

### **QUESTION 2**

- (a) What is a resource person? (3 marks)
- (b) Briefly outline four qualities of a resource person. (12 marks)
- (c) Give four reasons that explain why a subject teacher and a resource person should meet before the latter addresses students. (20 marks)
- (d) How should a subject teacher prepare a class for a resource person's presentation? What should be done during and after presentation? (15 marks)

### **QUESTION 3**

- (a) What is the integrated approach. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain as fully as possible why the integrated approach is widely used in primary schools. (7 marks)
- (c) Choose a Social Studies topic and indicate how at least four Social Science disciplines could be integrated to develop the topic.
- (d) Discuss three pros and two cons of the approach. (20 marks)

#### **QUESTION 4**

- (a) What is the spiral approach? (5 marks)
- (b) Explain as fully as possible why the spiral approach is widely used in primary schools. (7 marks)
- (c) Identify a Social Studies topic that lends itself to the approach. Explain how the topic could be developed. (10 marks)
- (d) Discuss three pros and cons criticism of the approach. (20 marks)