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COURSE CODE : PEC 271

TITLE OF PAPER : CURRICULUM STUDIES: SOCIAL STUDIES

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.
2. INDICATE ON YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET WHETHER YOU ARE FULL-TIME (F/T) OR IDE.

APPEND THE INITIALS F/T OR IDE TO YOUR I.D. NUMBER.

3. THE EVALUATION OF THIS EXAMINATION PAPER WILL 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.

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QUESTION 1

- (a) Define the term social studies. (2 marks)
- (b) Outline the relationship between social studies and the social science disciplines. (3 marks)
- (c) Discuss as fully as possible three objectives of social studies instruction. (27 marks)
- (d) To what extent has social studies instruction been successful in achieving two of the objectives discussed above. (18 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Name the conference that preceded the Mombasa Conference of 1968. (2 marks)
- (b) Explain why Swaziland and South Africa did not attend the Mombasa Conference. (3 marks)
- (c) Delegates at the Mombasa Conference leveled several criticisms against the Social Studies programme on Africa. Discuss any three. (15 marks)
- (d) How was each of three problems in the programme to be resolved? (15 marks)
- (e) To what extent has Swaziland been successful in solving each of these problem? (15 marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) What is the integrated approach? (3 marks)
- (b) Choose a social studies topic and indicate how five disciplines could be integrated in the development of the topic. (10 marks)
- (c) Discuss three advantages as well as one disadvantage of the integrated approach. (20 marks)
- (d) Explain why the integrated approach in social studies is often used concurrently with the spiral approach. (7 marks)
- (e) Discuss two advantages of the spiral approach. (10 marks)