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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2014

- COURSE CODE** : **PEC 271**
- TITLE OF PAPER** : **CURRICULUM STUDIES: SOCIAL STUDIES**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **TWO (2) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. **ANSWER ANY 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 for achieving two of the objectives discussed above? (18 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) With specific reference to the Mombasa Conference of 1968, discuss three criticisms which were levelled against the Social Studies content in African schools. (15 marks)
- (b) Explain how the Social Studies content in the schools was organized. (3 marks)
- (c) How, according to the Mombasa Conference, was the content supposed to be organized? Why? (7 marks)
- (d) Discuss three advantages of the approach that was recommended in the conference. (10 marks)
- (e) To what extent has Swaziland been successful in organizing the social studies content as per the Conference recommendation? Explain. (10 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 two pros and two cons of the integrated approach. (20 marks)
- (d) Explain why the integrated approach in Social Studies instruction is often used concurrently with the spiral approach. (7 marks)
- (e) Discuss two advantages of the spiral approach. (10 marks)