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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2015

COURSE CODE : **PEC 271**

TITLE OF PAPER : **CURRICULUM STUDIES: SOCIAL STUDIES**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF FIVE (5) QUESTIONS. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS.**
- 3. THE ENTIRE EXAMINATION CARRIES A TOTAL OF 100 MARKS WHICH CONSTITUTES 50% OF THE FINAL COURSE GRADE.**

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QUESTION 1

- (a) Define the term Social Studies. (3 marks)
- (b) Briefly outline the relationship between Social Studies and the Social Science disciplines. (4 marks)
- (c) With specific reference to Swaziland, discuss three (3) problems that the Social Studies programme has encountered since its inception. (18 marks)

Total: 25 marks

QUESTION 2

- (a) What is the spiral approach? (3 marks)
- (b) Is the spiral approach the same thing as repeating the same lesson or topic previously taught? Explain. (5 marks)
- (c) Discuss three (3) ways by which learning could be promoted through the use of the approach. (17 marks)

Total: 25 marks

QUESTION 3

- (a) What is a resource person? (3 marks)
- (b) Discuss two (2) qualities of a resource person. (8 marks)
- (c) Critically assess the significance of the conference that is convened by the subject teacher and the resource person. (14 marks)

Total: 25 marks

QUESTION 4

- (a) Audio-visuals aids are not widely used in our public schools. Why? (4 marks)
- (b) Discuss three (3) criteria that should be considered before these aids are purchased. (13 marks)
- (c) Discuss two (2) shortcomings of using these aids. (8 marks)

Total: 25 marks

QUESTION 5

With specific reference to the Mombasa Conference of 1968, discuss three (3) criticisms that were levelled against the Social Studies programme. Total: 25 marks

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