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: PED 371

**: CURRICULUM STUDIES IN SOCIAL STUDIES:
SOCIAL STUDIES**

: THREE (3) HOURS

- 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF FIVE (5) QUESTIONS.
ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**
- 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS**
- 3. THIS EXAM PAPER CARRIES A TOTAL OF 100 MARKS
WHICH CONSTITUTES 50% OF THE FINAL COURSE
GRADE.**
- 4. INDICATE ON YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET WHETHER
YOU ARE A FULL TIME (F.T.) STUDENT OR NOT (IDE).
APPEND THE INITIAL F.T. OR I.D.E. TO YOUR I.D.
NUMBER.**

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QUESTION 1

The teaching of Social Studies content is largely based on facts, concepts and generalisations. Do you agree with this statement? Discuss. (25)

QUESTION 2

- a. Explain what is meant by the following:
 - (i) Homogeneous grouping (5)
 - (ii) Heterogeneous grouping (5)
- b. Discuss any three (3) advantages of grouping students in Social Studies (15)

QUESTION 3

Discuss any two criteria that can be used to select a textbook for Social Studies pupils and three ways in which a textbook is useful to pupils. (25)

QUESTION 4

Using examples differentiate between a concrete concept and an abstract concept. Which concept is easier for pupils to learn and why. (25)

QUESTION 5

- a. What is meant by the following terms:
 - (i) Criterion-referenced evaluation (5)
 - (ii) Norm-referenced evaluation (5)
- b. Discuss two advantages and one disadvantage of using multiple choice test items for assessing learners in Social Studies. (15)