

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REPUBLIC OF GHANA

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT PREPARATORY MATERIALS FOR COMMON CORE ASSESSMENT

SOCIAL STUDIES

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Generally, the subject Social Studies aims at producing reflective, concerned, and competent citizens who will make informed decisions for individuals and the public good. In specific terms, the subject enables learners to explore and protect the environment, exhibit a sense of belonging to the family and community, appreciate themselves as unique individuals, demonstrate responsible citizenship, develop attitudes for healthy living and peaceful co-existence, ensure sustainable use of resources, develop a sense of patriotism and to make them globally competitive. A central aspect of the Social Studies Common Core Programme (CCP) is the three profiles of learning behaviour dimensions that have been specified for teaching, learning and assessment. This profile of learning behaviour dimensions are knowledge and understanding 30%, application of knowledge 40%, and attitudes, values, and process skills 30%.

Assessment is considered an integral part of the teaching and learning of Social Studies. These assessment tasks are carefully designed to challenge learners to think critically and to solve problems in society. They are in line with the three profiles of learning behaviour dimensions and can be used as class assignments, homework, project work, community engagement etc. They are carefully crafted and structured to cover all the six strands in the Social Studies Common programme curriculum. The strands are Environment, Family life, Sense of Purpose, Law and Order, Socio-economic Development and Nationhood.

Assessment is a process of collecting and evaluating information about learners and using the information to make decisions to improve their learning. Assessment may be formative, summative, diagnostic, or evaluative depending on its purpose. It is integral to the teaching-learning process, promotes student learning and improves instruction. In the CCP, it is suggested that assessment involves assessment *for* learning, assessment *of* learning and assessment *as* learning, which are described in the subsequent paragraphs.

Assessment for Learning (AfL)

Assessment for Learning (AfL) is the process of seeking and interpreting evidence for use by learners and the teachers to decide where the learner is in their learning, where they need to be (the desired goal), and how best to get them there. AfL is one of the most suitable methods for improving learning and raising standards (Black and William, 1998). Assessment *for* Learning also refers to all activities undertaken by teachers and/or by their learners, which provide information to be used as feedback to modify the teaching and learning activities in which they are engaged. AfL can be achieved through processes such as sharing criteria with learners, effective questioning and feedback.

AfL, therefore, provides timely feedback to ensure individual learners are assisted during the teaching and learning process using various strategies and questioning to measure the learning that has actually taken place. It is a continuous process that happens at all stages of the instructional process to monitor the progress of a learner and to offer feedback or change teaching strategies to achieve performance standards of a lesson.

Assessment as Learning (AaL)

Assessment as Learning develops and supports learners' sense of ownership and efficacy about their learning through reflective practices. This form of self- assessment helps in building the competencies of learners to achieve deeper understanding of their own learning and what they are taught.

Assessment of Learning (AoL)

Assessment of learning provides a picture of the achieved standards of the teacher and performance of learners at the terminal stage of the learning process. This information provides data for accountability and educational decisions such as grading, selection and placement, promotion and

certification. Through AoL, stakeholders such as parents and guardians are informed about the extent to which learners have attained in expected learning outcomes at the end of their grade or programme.

What do we assess?

Assessment in the CCP emphasises:

- the Common Core Learner Attributes, which are essential outcomes in the three domains of learning (i.e. cognitive, psychomotor, and affective);
- knowledge and skills with emphasis on the 4Rs;
- the core competencies with emphasis on attitudes and values.

SOCIAL STUDIES TABLE OF SPECIFICATION

STRAND	SUB-STRAND			Lev	els of	Asse	ssme	ent		Total
		Content standards	Learning indicators	1-Remembering	2-Understanding	3-Applying	4-Analysing	5-Evaluating	6-Creating	
ENVIRONMENT	Environment and Environment al Issues	13	13	2	7		2	2		26
	Mapping Skills			1	2		1	2		

	Understandin g our Natural World			2	3				
	Our Natural and Human Resources				2				
FAMILY LIFE	Adolescent Reproductive Health	8	9		1	1			18
	The Family					3	1		
	Socialisation				4	2	1		
	Population				3		1	1	
SENSE OF PURPOSE	Self- Identity	3	4		2		1		3
	The Individual and the Community								
	Culture and National Identity								
	National Developme nt								

LAW AND	Citizenship	8	8	1	1				9
ORDER	and Human Rights	8	8	•	•				9
	Conflict Prevention and Management								
	The 1992 Constitution			1	1				
	Peace and Security in Our Nation								
	Promoting Democracy and Political Stability				4	1			
	Democracy and Nation Building								
SOCIO- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Human Resource Development	7	7		1		1		11
	Financial and Investment Issues				3				

	Tourism				1		1	1	
	Science and				2			1	
	Technology				_				
	Entrepreneur ial Skills								
	Sustainable Development								
NATIONHOOD	Independent Ghana	3	12		1	1			3
	The Republics				1				
	Military Rule								
	Ghana and its Neighbours								
Total				7	39	8	9	7	70
Weight				10	55.7	11.	12.	10	100
				%	%	4%	8%	%	

SOCIAL STUDIES C.C.P SAMPLE QUESTIONS

SN	Performance Indicator	ITEM
1	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	In the village of Koate, the people are used to defaecating in the bush and water bodies around them. They also throw rubbish anywhere in the village. How would you describe these people's act in the village? A. They are maintaining good hygiene B. They are causing land degradation C. They are causing poor sanitation D. They are making only their water bodies dirty
2	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	The Earth's interior holds a lot of heat that can sometimes reach closer to the surface. We can use this heat to generate electricity for our everyday needs. What kind of energy is generated through this process? A. Hydroelectricity B. Geothermal C. Uranium D. Wings
3	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	It is a non-renewable energy. It can be used for heating and cooking and can also be burnt to generate energy. Which of these best describes the above statements? A. Coal B. Gas C. Nuclear D. Oil
		Observe the image below and use it to answer questions 4 and 5
4	[DOK Level 1] Remembering	Identify the environmental challenge in the image. A. Air pollution B. Land degradation

		C. Land pollution
		D. Water pollution
		2. Water periodicin
	[DOK Level 2]	Which of the following is the most likely cause of this environmental
	Understanding	challenge?
		A. Excessive use of chemicals for fishing
5		B. Indiscriminate dumping of refuse
		C. Improper disposal of sewage
		D. Accidental oil spills from ships
	. [DOK Level	Use the stem helevy to enswer questions 6 and 7
	2]	Use the story below to answer questions 6 and 7
	Understanding	A man in your community has always been collecting and processing
	onderstanding	materials that would otherwise have been thrown away as trash, turning
		them into new products. The man's act can benefit the community, the
		economy, and the environment as a whole.
6		Which of the following is the most appropriate term you would use for this man's act?
		A. Recycling B. Production
		C. Distribution
		D. Degradation
	[DOK Level 3]	The activity often engaged in by this man in their community is
	Evaluation	A. a way of gaining recognition in the community
		B. announcing to community members to stop gathering rubbish in
		their homes
7		C. an appropriate way of disposing of domestic and industrial waste.
		D. encouraging people in the community to go into gathering rubbish
		at a central point.
	[DOK Level 3]	Which of the following factors control the living conditions of the aquatic
	Evaluation	ecosystem?
		I. pH
		II. Light Intensity
		III. Temperature
8		IV. Human attitude
0		
		A. I, II and III only
		B. II only
		C. I, III and IV only
		D. I, II and IV only
	[DOK Level 2]	Members of Community 'A' in Ghana want to prevent the outbreak of
	Understanding	diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery. Which of the following
		practices would you encourage the community members to desist from?
9		A. allowing flies to come into contact with food and drink
		B. defaecating indiscriminately in the neighbourhood
		C. immunizing children against childhood diseases
		D. washing hands after meals

10	[DOK Level 1] Remembering	Which of the following institutions do you think was set up purposely to help conserve the environment in Ghana? A. Forestry Commission B. Department of Wildlife and Game C. Environmental Health Centre D. Environmental Protection Agency Use this story to answer questions 11 and 12
11	Applying	A particular household in Ghana uses electricity for domestic activities. They have realized that their electricity bills have been rising because they use more electricity. How would you advise them so that their electricity bills will reduce? A. They should stop using electricity B. They should reject their electricity bills C. They should go into illegal use of electricity D. They should practice energy conservation
12	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	Which of the following will not help the family to reduce the electricity bill? A. Turning off electrical appliances after use B. Ironing clothing in bulk C. Unplugging electrical devices when not in use D. Leaving electrical appliances on when not in use
13	[DOK Level 3] Understanding	Convert 2cm to 4 km to Representative Fraction scale A. 1: 50,000 B. 1: 100,000 C. 1: 200,000 D. 1: 300,000
14	[Level 4 DOK] Applying	A stranger who met you on your way to school needs help to finding important places in your locality. Which activity would require the most use of mapping skills to create a helpful guide? A. Drawing a map of the school compound. B. Illustrating an eight-point compass diagram. C. Locating important landmarks on a grid square map. D. Sketching a map of the community with key landmarks
15	.[DOK Level 1] Remembering	Use the following image to answer questions 15 and 16

		What is the name of the above instrument? A. Atlas B. Compass C. Globe D. Wind vane
16	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	What is the main function of the instrument? A. It is used in measuring of water in the atmosphere B. It is used in measuring temperature C. It is used in showing directions D. It used in showing the direction of the wind
17	.[DOK Level 2] Remembering	The major feature of the Earth that has to do with the whole body of salt water that covers nearly three-fourths of the surface of the earth is A. Lagoons B. Lakes C. Oceans D. Rivers
		Use the image below to answer questions 18 to 19
18	[Level 2 DOK] Understanding	Which of the following terms describes the image below: A. Construction B. Deforestation C. Quarrying D. Tourism

	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	Which of these would you mention to your family as a negative effect of the above image?
19	Vu	A. Excessive rainfall B. Global warming C. Prolong faming season D. Re-afforestation
20	[DOK Level 1] Remembering	In a recent lesson, you discussed elements of weather. One of the elements relates to water particles reaching the surface of the earth from the atmosphere in the form of rainfall, drizzle, dew in liquid forms. Which of the following best describes that element of weather? A. Humidity B. Precipitation C. Temperature D. Wind
21	[DOK Level 3] Analysing	Scientists are studying the ways human activities can affect the environment. Which of the following is <i>least</i> likely to be a direct consequence of air pollution caused by human activities? A. Increased respiratory problems in humans. B. Damage to buildings and historical monuments C. Reduced crop yields due to changes in sunlight quality D. Increased frequency and intensity of floods
		Use the map below to answer questions 22 and 23
	[DOK Level 3] Evaluating	BURKINA FASO Belgitangs Ent Moto Millored American
22		Based on the information shown in the map extract, which of the
22		Cold Gold Gold Gold Control Timber LIVOSY COAST Elmino Sekond-Takradi Gull of Guineo

		D. Tamale
		Use the image below to answer questions 24 to 25.
24	[Level 3 DOK] Understanding	A B C The above images are collectively termed as A. capital resources B. human resources C. material resources D. natural resources
25	[Level 2 DOK] Understanding	Which of the following is a major reason why the above resources in Ghana have not been sufficiently exploited? A. the absence of market for goods B. insufficient capital C. lack of skilled labour D. low technical know-how
26	[DOK Level 4] Applying	Irresponsible behaviours of adolescents in your community are very alarming. As a concerned member of your community, which of the following would you do to help prevent these adolescent behaviours? A. inculcating the virtues of society in them B. instilling academic discipline in them C. providing their financial needs D. teaching democratic values
27	[DOK Level 3] Understanding	The number of patients in Ghanaian mental hospitals has increased over the years. What do you think might have been the most likely cause? A. unemployment B. divorce C. substance abuse D. poverty
28	[Level 2 DOK] Understanding	Abu's parents always want to guide him to learn the ways their people dance and the food they mostly eat. Which of these words describes the actions of Abu's parents? A. Knowledge B. Virtue

		C. Norm
		D. Socialization
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	[DOK Level 2]	There are concerns in the media that deviant behaviour is common in the
	Understanding	Ghanaian communities. Which of the following is an effect of deviant
	3	behaviour on the individual?
		A. The individual becomes popular
29		B. The individual is given position of trust
		C. The person is given honours
		D. The person is ostracized and talked about
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	[DOK Level 3] Analysing	Western education has been hailed by many for its enlightenment.
	Anarysing	However, others think it has partially failed to tackle the process of
		socialisation in Ghana because of its emphasis on
30		A. acquisition of knowledge
		B. attitude training
		C. character training
		D. development of values
	[DOK I101	
	[DOK Level 2]	Various agents of socialization help to integrate the child into the society,
	Understanding	but the one that is dominant during the formative years of the child is
		A. the family
31		B. the mass media
		C. the peer group
		D. the school
	[DOK Level 2]	Moral issues among the youth in Ghana has become a matter of national
	Understanding	concern. Which of the following is the most suitable means of controlling
		moral degeneration among the youth?
32		A. Providing guidance and counselling
		B. Promoting religious exclusion
		C. Promoting tertiary education
		D. Organising cultural festivals
		Use the following image to answer questions 33 and 34

33	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	The above image illustrates system. A. extended family B. european family C. matrilocal family D. nuclear family
34	[DOK Level 3] Understanding	Which of the following is a disadvantage of this family size? A. Economic and social cooperation B. Ensuring moral upbringing of young ones C. High dependency rate on family members D. Provision of security for family members
35	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	The result of the influence of western education on the traditional family system is the A. exploitation of family resources B. generation of funds for the extended family members C. increased tendency towards the nuclear family D. unity of extended family members
		Use this scenario to answer questions 36 and 37
36	[Level 3 DOK] Analysing	Kwame, a young entrepreneur with estates in Accra, tragically passed away without a will. He was never married and had no children. However, he is survived by his loving parents and a sister with two young kids. According to Ghana's laws, how will Kwame's estate be shared. A. Designate an heir by creating a legal document to back his claim. B. Distribute the estate equally among Kwame's parents and sister's children. C. Award the entire estate to Kwame's sister as the closest living relative. D. Follow strictly the intestate succession law to share the estate
37	[DOK Level 4] Analysing	Who will inherit Kwame's house in Accra? A. Kwame's Parents B. Kwame's sister, Akua C. The government of Ghana D. Akua's children

38	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	After your lesson on volunteerism and its role in communities, which of the following scenarios will you prescribe for a friend who is volunteering in a community? A. Participating in paid household chores for a neighbour B. Organizing a fundraiser for personal gain C. Participating in a community cleaning exercise D. Providing tutoring services for a fee	
39	[DOK Level 3] Evaluating	In an economy, if the people below fifteen years are thirty-five percent (35%) and those above sixty years are twenty percent (20%), what does this imply? A. Dependency ratio is high B. Population is at its optimum C. Population is stable D. The ratio of female to male is high	
40	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	In a particular town, there are so many resources for the quality of life of the people. However, the town has population. How would you describe this scenario? A. over-population B. under-population C. optimum population D. dispersed population	•
41	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	Population census is often carried out in a country because of the following reasons except to A. increase agricultural productivity B. know age distribution C. measure standard of living D. measure the level of employment	
42	[DOK Level 3] Analysing	The table below shows the age distribution of a town. It question below: 0-15years 16-35years 36-59years 60 and 100,000 30,000 50,000 20,000	above years
43	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	Ama is always interested in knowing who she is and what she can do to help society. This effort will enable Ama to identify her A. critics and adversaries	

		B. social status and entitlements	
		C. strength and weakness	
		D. way for popularity	
	[DOK Level 2]	At a gathering in school, Ewusi was asked to tell the people some of the	
	Understanding	things that make adolescents develop feeling of being inferior to others.	
		Which of these do you think Ewusi will mention in his points?	
44		A. Being blamed and scolded for errors	
44		B. Living with peers	
		C. Loosing parents at early age	
		D. Nurturing by grandparents	
45	[DOK Level 3] Analysing	Imagine you are studying how people learn and grow throughout their lives. Which of the following has the most significant influence on how a person interacts with others and develops their sense of self as they interact with the world? A. Cultural influences B. Economic factors	
		C. Political environments D. Technological	
46	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	An ambassador of a different country wants to become a Ghanaian citizen because of the hospitality of Ghanaians. Which of these would you suggest the ambassador does for Ghanaian citizenship to be conferred on him/her? A. hard work and prudence B. long stay and acquisition of properties C. recognition and contribution to society D. vocal and affable	
47	[DOK Level 2] Remembering	The process in which people in a dispute present their case to an independent person whose decision will be final and binding is referred to as A.peacebuilding B. arbitration C. negotiation	
		D.mediation	
48	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	Mr. Amoo went to work late for the first time and the boss asked him to step out of the office and that was his dismissal from work. Under the 1992 Constitution of Ghana, which of these institutions can Mr. Amoo petition? A. Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice B. Economic and Organized Crime Office	
		C. National Investigation BureauD. National Commission for Civic Education	

49	[DOK Level 1] Remembering	The imposition of a curfew limits the individual rights of A. association B. movement C. ownership D. worship
50	[Level 2 DOK] Understanding	As you study the human rights protected by your country's constitution, which of the following statements best exemplifies a fundamental right guaranteed to all citizens in Ghana? A. The right to free meals at school B. The right to a fair trial and due process C. The right to exclusive access to public parks D. The right to unlimited internet access
		Use the following image to answer questions 51 to 54
51	[DOK Level 4] Applying	The image above shows that people are exercising their A. legal right. B. economic right C. political right D. social right
52	[DOK Level 3] Understading	The independent body entrusted with the responsibility of conducting and supervising the activity engaged in the image is. A. Land commission B. Oath commission C. Electoral Commission D. Forestry Commission
53	[DOK Level 3] Understanding	Which of the following is not a problem associated with the activity in the image? A. illiteracy B. rigging C. transparency D. violence

54	[DOK Level 4] Applying	What important national exercise would these people have taken before engaging in the activity contained in the image? A. public education B. registration exercise C. results announcement D. violence reduction	
55	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	An essential feature of the practice of democratic governance is A. selection of candidates B. press censorship C. rule by decrees D. periodic elections	
56	[DOK Level 3] Understanding	The Fourth Republic of Ghana is the longest. This stems from the fact that the Electoral Commission has managed elections very well. Which of these is one of the major functions of the Electoral Commission of Ghana? A. appointing members of parliament B. making arrangements for the conduct of elections C. nominating cabinet ministers D. selecting political party representatives	
		D. selecting pointed party representatives	
57	[DOK Level 3] Analysing	The government of Ghana wants to convert the natural resources of the country to help improve the lives of the people. Which of these would you suggest the government invests heavily in? A. development projects B. human resource C. population census D. resource allocation	
58	[Level 2 DOK] Understanding	Scientists are studying the materials that we can obtain from the Earth to use for various purposes. These materials can be used in their raw state or processed into other products. Which of the following best describes what scientists call "natural resources"? A. Human-made materials used in manufacturing B. Assets owned by private individuals C. Renewable and non-renewable materials D. Intellectual property protected by copyright law	

	[Level 3 DOK] Understanding	Mr. Amuzu wants to receive his lump sum of money to build a house when he retires from his public service. He wants you to guide him on which of
		these sources he can collect such a huge amount after retirement.
59		A. First tier B. Fourth tier C. Second tier D. Third tier
	[DOK Level 2]	Mr. Mensah has a company where he hired Kwame and many others to
	Understanding	work. It is a soap manufacturing company. In this situation, Mr. Mensah
		could be described as the
		A. employee
60		B. employer
		C. supervisor
		D. manager
61	[DOK Level 3] Evaluation	Which of the following does the image below provide? I. electricity II. fish III. employment IV. crude oil A. I and II only B. I and IV only
		C. I, II, and III only
		D. III and IV only

		Use the image below to answer questions 54 and 55
62	[DOK Level 3] Analysing	This promotes the growth of A. hospitality industry B. education industry C. film industry D. health industry
63	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	 Which of these institutions manage the location of the image? A. Ghana Tourism Authority, Forestry Commission and Ministry of Tourism B. Ghana Tourism Authority, Forestry Commission and Ghana Standards Authority C. Forestry Commission, Ghana Standards Authority and Ghana Tourism Authority D. Ghana Standards Authority, Ghana Tourism Authority and Forestry Commission
64	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	Airplanes are made out of heavy materials, but they transport people and goods without falling, except if there is an accident. The major scientific principle underlying the invention of airplanes is A. law of floating B. principle of airlift C. Aerodynamics D. Hydrolysis
65	[DOK Level 3] Evaluating	Madam Fati used fertilizer and insecticide on her Cocoa farm, while Mr. Budu used the traditional method of farming. At the end of the season, Madam Fati harvested more cocoa than Mr. Kwame even though they both used the same size of land. Why do you think madam Fati harvested more cocoa than Mr. Kwame? A. Mr. Kwame is a traditionalist but did not consult his gods before farming B. Madam Fati consulted her gods before farming C. Mr. Kwame has no good farming skills D. Madam Fati applied Science and technology in her farming

66	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	How would you describe the invention of the telephone and television? A. Science B. Telecommunication C. Technology D. Acromatics	
67	[DOK Level 2] Understanding	 Which of the following is not a provision under the National Pension Act 766? A. the contributions of the retired worker to tier 2 should <i>not</i> be paid as lump sum B. the individual must have made a minimum contribution of 160 months in aggregate C. the retired worker receives his or her monthly pension from SSNIT D. to qualify for a full pension the individual must attain 60years 	
		Use this picture to answer questions 68 and 69	
68	[DOK Level 2] Remembering	Identify the person in the picture A. Dr. Hilla Liman B. Dr. J.B Danquah C. Dr. K.A. Busia D. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah	
69	[DOK Level 2] Remembering	Which of the following is true about the personality identified in the picture above? A. President of the First Republic B. President of the Second Republic C. President of the Third Republic D. President of the Fourth Republic	
70	[Level 3 DOK] Understanding	His government marks the inauguration of the Third Republic on 24 th September 1979. He assumed power at a time when the country was in	

serious crisis. He was also a member of the Commission that drafted the 1969 Constitution of Ghana. Who is this personality?

- A. Dr. Hilla Liman
- B. Dr. J.B. Danquah
- C. Dr. K.A. Busia
- D. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Question 1.

There are several complaints and worries in recent times about rising cost of electricity bills in your community, what **four (4)** useful suggestions would you give to the community members to help reduce these high costs of electricity bills? **(20 marks)**

Question 2

Water pollution has become a major concern in Ghana as a result of diverse human activities. As a concerned citizen, in what **four (4)** ways would you advise your community members to help prevent water pollution in the country? **(20 marks)**

Question 3

Giving back to society is a good practice that promotes community development. What **four** (4) reasons would you use to encourage the practice of volunteerism among the youth in your community? (20 marks)

Ouestion 4

Closely observe the image below and use it to answer the following questions:



- i. identify the problem
- ii. highlight two causes of the problem

- ii. explain **two** effects of the problem iv. suggest **two** solutions to the problem
- 5. Adolescent irresponsible behaviour is on the increase in your community and it is seriously affecting their reproductive health. What **four (4)** reasons would you use to make adolescents desist from these irresponsible behaviours?