

THE WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (SC) 2024

SOCIAL STUDIES 2

FINAL MARKING SCHEME

Total number of questions set - 5

Section I: 1

Section II: 2, 3

Section III: 4, 5

Candidates were to answer one compulsory question, and choose one question each from sections II and III respectively.

Maximum mark for each question – 20 marks

Total mark for entire paper – 20 x 3 = 60 marks

SCHEME 1

Q1. (a) How would you explain the term Environment to your study group?

(a) Definition of the term Environment with examples:

Environment refers to our physical and social surroundings. The physical surrounding includes climate, mountains, rivers, vegetation etc. the social surroundings include man's cultural, political and religious beliefs etc.

4 marks

Q1. (b) In what four ways are water bodies in your community polluted?

(b) Ways by which water bodies are polluted in communities:

- (i) Discharge of industrial waste;
- (ii) Use of chemicals to fish;
- (iii) Oil spillage;
- (iv) Defecating;
- (v) Pollution through mining
- (vi) Dumping of solid waste
- (vii) Dumping of liquid waste;
- (viii) Washing and bathing;
- (ix) The use of agro-chemicals for farming;
- (x) Discharge of radioactive materials;
- (xi) Building and construction activities near water bodies;
- (xii) Erosion by running water;
- (xiii) Domestic animals using same water bodies with humans;
- (xiv) Farming along water bodies.

Any 4 points well explained at 2 marks each = 8 marks

Mere listing = 1 mark each

- (ix) The need for tolerance;
- (x) Engaging the youth in an open forum/ inclusiveness;
- (xi) Settlement of misunderstanding;
- (xii) Counselling;
- (xiii) Compromise through negotiation
- (xiv) Collaboration
- (xv) Providing adequate security.

Any 4 points well explained at 3 marks each = 12 marks

Mere listing = 1 mark each

Q2. (b) You are a member of a debating club in your school. Prepare a presentation using four major points on how peace and security can lead to development in Ghana

(b) How peace and security can lead to development in Ghana:

- (i) Enable provision of economic facilities ie. Factories and markets;
- (ii) Enable the provision of infrastructure such as schools and hospitals;
- (iii) Enable access to quality human resource;
- (iv) Enable the availability of job opportunities;
- (v) Enable attraction of foreign and domestic investments;
- (vi) Enable citizens to have confidence to contribute in nation building;
- (vii) Curtail brain drain;
- (viii) Government expenditure is geared towards proper development;
- (ix) Good governance is provided;
- (x) Promotion of national cohesion and unity;
- (xi) Promote human rights;
- (xii) Promote stable environment for critical thinking and innovation;
- (xiii) Protect lives and property;
- (xiv) Promote political stability.

Any 4 points well explained at 2 marks each = 8 marks

Mere listing = 1 mark each

(a) = 12 marks, (b) = 8 marks ; Total = 20 marks

SCHEME 3

Q3 (a) Explain four ways by which national elections promote democracy in Ghana.

(a) Ways by which national elections promote democracy in Ghana:

- (i) Prevent dictatorship;
- (ii) Serve as mechanism for selection of leaders;
- (iii) Encourage a healthy competition among political parties;
- (iv) Allow for mobilization of the people;
- (v) Provide unity and integration in the political system;
- (vi) Express the will of the people;
- (vii) Promote good governance;
- (viii) Attraction of investors;
- (ix) Prevent strife and civil wars;
- (x) Promote accountability and transparency;
- (xi) Promote political participation;
- (xii) Promote legitimacy of political office holders;
- (xiii) Promote peaceful change of government;
- (xiv) Promote political education.

Any 4 points well explained at 3 marks each = 12 marks
Mere listing = 1 mark each

Q3 (b) In what four ways can citizens contribute to the development of the state?

(b) Ways citizens can contribute to the development of the state.

- (i) By paying taxes;
- (ii) By reporting crime activities to the police;
- (iii) Not getting involved in criminal activities;
- (iv) By offering voluntary services to the state when called upon;
- (v) By participating in National politics;
- (vi) Exhibiting positive work ethics;
- (vii) By honouring communal labour activities;

- (viii) By defending the constitution of the state at all times;
- (ix) By being law abiding;
- (x) Discouraging outmoded cultural practices;
- (xi) Protecting national properties;
- (xii) Engaging in public education activities;
- (xiii) Protection of the environment;
- (xiv) Projecting the good image of the country.

Any 4 points well explained at 2 marks each = 8 marks
Mere listing = 1 mark each

(a) = 12 marks, (b) = 8 marks; Total = 20 marks

SCHEME 4

Q4 (a) Identify four challenges mostly associated with human resource development in Ghana.

(a) Challenges mostly associated with human resource development in Ghana:

- (i) Brain drain;
- (ii) Inadequate training and retraining facilities;
- (iii) Limited welfare service;
- (iv) Poor conditions of service;
- (v) Financial challenges;
- (vi) Inadequate job opportunities;
- (vii) Inconsistent government policies;
- (viii) Bribery and corruption;
- (ix) Nepotism/favouritism
- (x) Poor exhibition of values and attitudes/ poor work ethics;
- (xi) Improper implementation of educational policies;
- (xii) Ineffective monitoring and supervision.

Any 4 points well explained at 3 marks each = 12 marks
Mere listing = 1 mark each

Q4 (b) Explain four ways in which your government can use the tourism industry to drive development in Ghana.

(b) Ways government can use the tourism industry to drive development in Ghana:

- (i) Brings about infrastructural development in Ghana;
- (ii) Helps to promote local industries;

Any 4 points at 1 mark each = 4 marks

Q5 (a) (iii) Explain how each technology stated in (a)(ii) will help you.

(iii) How each technology stated in (a) (ii) will help one in the village.

- (i) **Mobile phone and charger:** To help make communication with friends and relation outside the location easier.
- (ii) **Kettle/heater:** To help cook and heat water and food.
- (iii) **Watch:** To help tell the time.
- (iv) **Hair clippers:** For hair maintenance and trimming.
- (v) **Bicycle:** To make transportation from one location to the other easier.
- (vi) **Portable power bank:** To store/save some electrical power in order to recharge other technological devices such as laptops and mobile phones.
- (vii) **Compass:** To assist locate direction of travel.
- (viii) **Camera:** To capture memories and scenic views.
- (ix) **Computer/laptop/tablet:** for recording and sending messages.
- (x) **Radio:** for listening to music and news.
- (xi) **Torch:** to light your way about.
- (xii) **Car:** to help transport items and self.

without the name of the gadget - wrong

Any 4 points well explained at 3 marks each = 12 marks

Q5 (b) List two challenges that you may encounter when using technology.

(b) Challenges in using technology

- (i) Improvement in previous technology is made constantly therefore requiring regular updates and retraining;
- (ii) There is internet connectivity issues such as slow data speeds;
- (iii) Technical issues such as system crashes may occur to disrupt workflow;
- (iv) There are security threats such as cyber attacks to breach data and compromise sensitive information or privacy;
- (v) Regular maintenance and updates can consume time and resources;
- (vi) Technology is expensive to acquire, upgrade and maintain;
- (vii) Maintenance of the gadget in the village becomes a problem;
- (viii) Loss of gadgets leads to loss of information.

Any 2 points at 1 mark each = 2 marks

(a) = 18 marks, (b) = 2 marks; Total = 20 marks