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This paper consists of four (4) pages.

ALL FOUR (4) QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1

Question 1.1

Choose the most correct possible answer from the three below and then write down its number next to the question number in your answer book, e.g. 4 2

- 1. The term “social sciences” ..**
- 1) examines the way individuals and groups interact with their various environments
 - 2) implies the study of human society and social relationships and the reasons why people behave the way they do
 - 3) refers to the human and the development environments
- 2 The concept “environment” refers to the**
- 1) human and material environment
 - 2) political, social, economic and biophysical dimensions of life
 - 3) social and developmental dimensions of life

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3. **The term “history” refers to .**
- 1) the story of the development, evolution and origin of our present environment
 - 2) the totality of humanity’s life gone by
 - 3) all of the above
- 4 **What is meant by “lifelong learning”?**
- 1) Learning that is not confined to children, but takes place in a range of situations
 - 2) Life-long, voluntary, and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons
 - 3) Learning that is not confined to the classroom, but takes place throughout life and in a range of situations
5. **Objectives are necessary in planning lesson activities because these objectives provide ...**
- 1) the lesson with precision and the desired learners’ behavioural change
 - 2) a lesson’s direction of teaching and learning
 - 3) long term goals of what must be accomplished during a unit of lessons
6. **Learner support materials are normally not used by many teachers because ...**
- 1) their lesson’s aims and objectives are not sufficiently understood by the teachers
 - 2) they assume that using learner support materials is cumbersome
 - 3) they claim that some schools are not supplied with electricity
- 7 **Which statement is true?**
- 1) Narratives appeal to all age groups because they appeal to the emotions of listeners
 - 2) Different narratives are appropriate for different stages of development
 - 3) Stories are not essential in the teaching of Geography
8. **When planning for fieldwork excursions it is important to note that you ...**
- 1) design well planned and structured cognitive, affective and psychomotor activities for learners
 - 2) divide fieldwork into five stages
 - 3) plan according to the advantages of school-based fieldwork
9. **Fieldwork excursions involve ..**
- 1) observations and perceptions
 - 2) accurate note taking
 - 3) preparation, observation, recording, interpretation, follow-up and assessment

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10 In teaching Social Sciences a holistic approach that acknowledges the interactions between the biophysical, socio-cultural, political and economic dimensions of human life is important Why?

- 1) To teach learners to empathise with the other person (that differs from you)
 - 2) To value the contribution of other people to the democratic life experienced
 - 3) To teach learners about the whole while learning its parts
- (10)

Question 1.2

Give ONE practical example in Geography and in History of how each of the following skills could be acquired

Please draw a table like this to answer the question

	GEOGRAPHY	HISTORY
Reading and research skills		
Schematic skills		
Descriptive skills		
Social skills		
Skills in synthesis		

(10)

Question 1.3

In your own words define the following concepts:

- 1 3 1 child-centred learner (3)
 - 1 3 2 curriculum (2)
- (25)**

QUESTION 2

- 2 1 Why do you think it is imperative that Geography and History teachers understand what their subject is about before they practise it? Discuss in point form (10)
 - 2 2 Why is holistic teaching considered important in the primary school? Discuss in point form (8)
 - 2 3 Why do you think it is necessary to assess a lesson? (7)
- (25)**

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QUESTION 3

- 3 1 What is the difference between an educational aim and objective? (4)
- 3 2 What is meant by a CAPS approach to learning? (6)
- 3 3 What problems are to be guarded against with regard to the use of teaching media? Discuss in point form (5)
- 3 4 Fieldwork emphasises two basic didactic principles, namely and Name and discuss in point form (4)
- 3 5 Name the advantages of fieldwork in point form (6)
- (25)**

QUESTION 4

- 4 1 Design either a Geography OR a History lesson for a grade/class in the primary school on any relevant topic Include the following in your lesson design
- 4 1 1 Objectives (outcomes) to be acquired This implies knowledge, skills and values/ attitudes to be acquired (6)
- 4 1 2 Learner activities Name and discuss (4)
- 4 1 3 The assessment method to be used, how and why (5)
- 4 1 4 Media that you would use and what the purpose would be (5)
- 4 2 Prepare a worksheet with five (5) questions on the topic of the lesson that you designed in 4 1 Use one whole page for your questions and layout of the work sheet (5)
- (25)**

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