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TEACHING SOCIAL SCIENCES

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EXAMINERS ·
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This examination paper consists of 3 pages

Question 1

- 1 1 Name and discuss five (5) general characteristics of each of the following subjects (learning areas) Social Sciences, Geography and History (5x3=15)
- 1 2 Many Geography and History teachers practise their subjects from a **content-based** approach. Discuss why you think that it is not educationally acceptable to teach **only** from this perspective (5)
- 1 3 Consider the following statement

It is imperative that Geography and History teachers understand what their subjects are about before practising them

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your answer (5)

TOTAL: [25]**QUESTION 2**

- 2 1 The establishment of positive **attitudes and values** is an important aspect of Geography and History teaching and learning. What positive attitudes and values can be established by the teaching of Geography and History? In each subject name three attitudes and values (2x3=6)

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- 2 2 **Continuous Assessment (CA)** is a method of assessment where each learner is monitored throughout the year based on a variety of activities. During the year it was expected of you to report on a school's approach to assessment and come to some conclusions. Which school did you report on? What is their approach to assessment? Is it effective? What conclusions did you arrive at? What do you recommend? (6)
- 2 3 Whether we use group work, individual work, classwork or fieldwork depends on various factors. Name **five (5)** such factors. (5)
- 2 4 Explain how you will utilize **newspaper reports** in either a Geography or History lesson. Discuss in detail. (8)
- TOTAL: [25]**

QUESTION 3

- 3 1 Give four reasons why educators should set clear objectives/outcomes for their teaching activities. (4)
- 3 2 Give any two examples of objectives and indicate how these can be used in the teaching of Human and Social Sciences. (6)
- 3 3 Skills form the foundation of the Social Sciences. Briefly explain the importance of each of the following skills.
- 3 3 1 Reading and research skills
- 3 3 2 Schematic skills
- 3.3 3 Skills in synthesis (3x5=15)
- [25]**

QUESTION 4

- 4 1 Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the following methods that can be used in the teaching of Social Sciences.
- 4 1 1 Narrative of story telling
- 4 1 2 Question and answer method (4)

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- 4 2 Design a lesson for a Grade 5 History or Geography class on one of the following topics
- a) The discovery of gold in South Africa
 - b) Important harbours in South Africa (Indicate where these harbours are located and how they help to improve the South African economy)

Include the following in your design

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| 4 2 1 | Recognition of prior learning | (1) |
| 4 2 2 | Learner activities | (2) |
| 4 2 3 | Learning outcomes to be acquired, and the necessary knowledge, skills, values and attitudes | (6) |
| 4 2 4 | Prepare a worksheet with five (5) questions on the topic of the lesson that you designed in 4 2 Use one whole page for your questions and design of the worksheet | (10) |
| 4 3 | List any two disadvantages of fieldwork | (2) |
| | | [25] |
| | | TOTAL: [100] |

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