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MAIN CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: EEC: 3317

**COURSE TITLE: SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND
ASSESSMENT**

EXAM VENUE: STREAM: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

DATE: EXAM SESSION:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other TWO questions

- 1. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper**
- 2. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room**

Question 1 [30 marks]

Define the following terms:

Social studies (2marks)

Curriculum (2marks)

Achievement test (2marks)

Formative assessment. (2marks)

Summative assessment (2marks)

State **Two** goals of Early Childhood social studies (4 marks)

A number of themes form organizing strands for social studies program.

Name four that could be included in early childhood social studies curriculum. (4 marks)

What do you understand by the term “Developmentally appropriate practice?” (4 marks)

Name four types of accomplishments that performance test require from learners. (4 marks)

Differentiate between hidden curriculum and formal curriculum. (4 marks)

Question 2 [20 marks]

Discuss the rationale of teaching social studies as a subject to young children from ages zero to eight years. (10marks)

One of the goals of teaching young children social studies is to equip children with knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for informed and thoughtful participation in the society. Discuss the following aspects of this goal:

i. Knowledge

ii. Skills

iii. Attitude

(10 marks)

Question 3 [20 marks]

Children learn most effectively through actions and when they are interested. Discuss the characteristics of effective pedagogy that can facilitate the learning of young children. **(10marks)**

Jean Piaget, a Swiss psychologist and developmental theorist, recognized the importance of play and its role in the development of logical thinking. Discuss how play can promote learning among young children. **(10 marks)**

Question 4 [20 marks]

Discuss developmental characteristics of children that should be considered in planning a social studies program? **(10marks)**

Teachers can develop social studies curriculum using a developmentally appropriate practice model. Discuss some five ideas for developing a thematic social study curriculum. **(10marks)**

Question 5 [20 marks].

Skilled evaluation can have a substantial impact on learners in both short and long term. Discuss how learners would benefit from skilled evaluation/assessment. **(10 marks)**

Discuss ways of making social studies lesson interesting and appealing to young children. **(10 marks)**