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*Do **not** open this booklet until you are told to do so. While you are waiting, read and observe the following instructions carefully. Write your **name** and **index number** in **ink** in the spaces provided above.*

*This booklet consists of **two** papers. Answer Paper **2** which comes first, in your answer booklet and Paper **1** on your Objective Test answer sheet. Paper **2** will last **1** hour after which the answer booklet will be collected. Do **not** start Paper **1** until you are told to do so. Paper **1** will last **45** minutes.*

Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.

This paper consists of three sections: I, II and III.

Answer three questions only. One compulsory question from section I, and one question each from sections II and III.

All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION I (COMPULSORY)
THE ENVIRONMENT

1. (a) Based on discussions and studies in class, define *marriage* in the context of Ghanaian Society. [4 marks]
- (b) State **four** reasons, that will cause you to marry when the time is due. [4 marks]
- (c) Mr and Mrs Mensah have been happily married for forty-seven years. Suggest **four** possible reasons that might have accounted for the longevity of their marriage. [12 marks]

SECTION II
LAW, ORDER AND NATION BUILDING
Answer one question only from this section.

2. (a) (i) How would you explain the term *Human Rights* in a class discussion? [4 marks]
(ii) Identify **two** human right abuses in your community. [4 marks]
- (b) Suggest **four** reasons why the society must be educated on Human Rights. [12 marks]
3. (a) (i) How would you explain the term *Constitution* to your study group as you prepare for examination? [4 marks]
(ii) List **four** important reasons for which Ghana decided to practise republican system of government. [4 marks]
- (b) As the principal speaker during a class debate on the constitution of Ghana, what **four** points will you make to convince the audience on the contributions of the 1992 constitution to the development of the nation? [12 marks]

SECTION III
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Answer one question only from this section.

4. (a) Identify **four** factors that led to the 1948 riots in the Gold Coast. [8 marks]
- (b) Highlight **four** ways in which the 1948 riots contributed to Ghana's independence. [12 marks]
5. (a) (i) How would you explain the concept of *Social Security* to your parents? [4 marks]
(ii) State any **two** national Social Security Schemes available in Ghana. [4 marks]
- (b) Suggest **four** reasons to convince **any** individual to join a Social Security Scheme in Ghana. [12 marks]

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PAPER 1
OBJECTIVE TEST

45 minutes

Answer **all** the questions on your Objective Test answer sheet.

1. Use **2B** pencil throughout.
2. On the pre-printed answer sheet, check that the following details are **correctly** printed:
Your **surname** followed by your **other names**, the *Subject Name*, your *Index Number*,
Centre Number and the *Paper Code*.
3. In the boxes marked *Candidate Number*, *Centre Number* and *Paper Code*, **reshade** each of
the shaded spaces.
4. An example is given below. This is for a male candidate whose name is Daniel Nii DOTSEY.
His *index number* is 772384188 and he is writing the examination at *Centre Number* 77234.
He is offering *Social Studies 1* and the *Paper Code* is 0201.

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OBJECTIVE ANSWER SHEET

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1. Use 2B pencil. Press firmly.
2. Answer each question by choosing one letter and then, shade through the letter
chosen like this ☒A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E
3. If you want to change an answer, erase your first mark completely.
4. If any four alternative answers are given for each question, ignore the letter E.
5. Your question paper may have fewer than 60 questions.

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Answer **all** the questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered **A** to **D**. Find the **correct** option for each question and shade **in pencil** on your answer sheet the space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only **one** answer to **each** question. An example is given below.

The capital city of Ghana is

- A. Accra.
- B. Cape Coast.
- C. Kumasi.
- D. Tamale.

The correct answer is **Accra**, which is lettered **A** and therefore answer space **A** would be shaded.



Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer you wish to change.

Do all rough work in this question paper.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Why is it useful to provide a legend on a map?
To
 - A. display the title
 - B. show the compass direction
 - C. explain the symbols
 - D. indicate the scale
2. What role does peer socialization play in shaping adolescent behavior and attitude? It
 - A. reinforces parental authority.
 - B. encourages conformity to family traditions.
 - C. influences language, fashion and social norms.
 - D. promotes isolation from peer groups.
3. Your father intends to begin a new business by raising capital through the sale of shares. This type of business enterprise is known as
 - A. partnership.
 - B. sole proprietorship.
 - C. joint Stock company.
 - D. co-operative society.
4. Your school is embarking on an excursion in Asia to see famous mountains. Which of the following mountains are they **likely** to see?
 - A. Andes mountains
 - B. Atlas mountains
 - C. The Rocky mountains
 - D. Himalayas mountains
5. Contours on a map indicate what phenomenon?
 - A. Elevation changes
 - B. Temperate changes
 - C. Pressure changes
 - D. Changes in rainfall
6. On 28th of February, 1948, three ex-servicemen were shot and killed while marching peacefully to present a petition to the governor of the Gold Coast. These ex-servicemen were
 - A. Corporal Attipoe, Flt. Lt. J.J. Rawlings and Gen. I.K. Acheampong.
 - B. Corporal Attipoe, Gen. Afrifa and Lt. Gen. E. K. Kotoka.
 - C. Corporal Attipoe, Lt. Gen. E.K. Kotoka and Gen. I.K. Acheampong.
 - D. Corporal Attipoe, Private Odartey-Lampsey and Sergeant Adjetej.
7. Your younger brother's homework requires he identifies types of business enterprise. Which of the following should **not** be part of his list?
 - A. Rural Banks
 - B. Joint Stock Companies
 - C. Non-Governmental Organizations-NGO's
 - D. Co-operative societies

8. Sanitation has been a **major** challenge in some communities in Ghana. What is the **most** sustainable way to improve sanitation in your community?
- Building more landfills for waste disposal
 - Providing many incinerators in the community
 - Recycling and education
 - Sweeping and collecting waste materials in the community
9. One of the **effective** ways by which parents carry out socialization of the family members is by
- teaching them the importance of drum music and dance.
 - telling them ancient stories.
 - rebuking and punitive punishment.
 - open communication and admonishment.
10. The **main** function of the executive organ of government is
- approval of budget.
 - implementation of policies.
 - interpretation of the law.
 - law making and arbitration.
11. The **main** purpose of sex education in Ghanaian schools is to
- increase the likelihood of early marriage.
 - promote reproductive health and responsible behavior.
 - discourage communication between adolescents and health care providers.
 - promote chastity among adolescents.
12. One **major** way you can defend the integrity of Ghana as a citizen is by
- promoting inter-ethnic marriages.
 - respecting other people's culture.
 - obeying the laws of the country.
 - promoting national festivals.
13. In which continent are the Apalachian mountains located?
- Africa
 - North America
 - South America
 - Australia
14. In what way does early exposure to sexual content on the media affect the adolescents?
- Admiration for the opposite sex
 - Sexual abstinence
 - Strong association with peers
 - Uncontrolled sexual activity
15. The Prime Minister of the Second Republic of Ghana was
- Dr Hilla Limann.
 - Dr K. A. Busia.
 - Dr Kwame Nkrumah.
 - Prof Evans Atta Mills.
16. In what way does the ageing population of Ghana affect the country's health system? It
- decreases the demand for healthcare services.
 - increases the burden on healthcare resources.
 - leads to a surplus of healthcare professionals.
 - reduces the supply of medication to children.
17. The constitution of a country is important because it
- punishes criminals and politicians.
 - allows the Speaker to become the Head of State.
 - serves as basis for the practice of good governance.
 - can be amended anytime and has fixed term.
18. In 1948, there was a riot following the killing of three ex-servicemen at the Osu Christianborg Castle Cross roads. What significant impact did it have on nationalists activities in the Gold Coast? It
- resulted in the transfer of the governor.
 - strengthened agitation against colonial administration.
 - encouraged patriotism and respect for rule of law.
 - strengthened colonial rule against the nationalists.
19. What role does Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) play in the life of a pensioner?
- Payment of social benefits and all health needs
 - Provision of a source of income after retirement
 - Promotion of independence in old age
 - Promotion of reliance on government welfare program

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20. What role does cultural tourism play in preserving Ghana's traditional heritage? It
- promotes drumming and dancing.
 - promotes cultural exchange and appreciation of our way of life.
 - facilitates access to traditional artefacts in the community.
 - exposes cultural activities.
21. How does your role as an active citizen contribute to the development of your community? By
- promoting self interest and peace of mind
 - fostering cooperation and collaboration
 - encouraging isolation from others and staying aloof
 - prioritizing personal interests over communal well being
22. Criminal activities in the society can **best** be minimized if there is effective
- arbitration.
 - law enforcement.
 - parental care.
 - prison service.
23. A lot of foreigners visit Ghana yearly to see beautiful sceneries. By this, they contribute to the economy through
- exploitation of natural resources.
 - exploitation of culture.
 - revenue generation and foreign exchange.
 - developing infrastructure only.
24. The productivity of a worker in an organization can **best** be improved by
- regular supervision and punishment.
 - engaging in short reading courses.
 - engaging in retraining workshops.
 - providing the necessary tools only.
25. One **negative** effect of colonization on the Ghanaian society is the
- introduction of formal education.
 - introduction of currency.
 - adulteration of our culture.
 - introduction of plantation farming.
26. Rapid population growth of **any** country will result in
- better medical facilities.
 - high family expectation on female adults.
 - pressure on social facilities in the communities.
 - proper upbringing of many children.
27. Ghana was ushered into the fourth republican government in
- 1981.
 - 1966.
 - 1979.
 - 1992.
28. What makes it impossible to determine the actual distance from a sketch map? It
- is roughly drawn.
 - covers a large area.
 - has no key.
 - has no scale.
29. Which of the following options is the **most** destructive of volcanic eruption on the environment?
- Gas emission
 - Water pollution
 - Lava flows on vegetation
 - Loss of lives and property
30. Which of the following would you advise against by way of reducing dependence on foreign financial support?
- Developing the human resource
 - Patronizing Ghanaian products
 - Adding value to our primary products
 - Borrowing from the international market
31. Topographical maps are important to study because they show
- mainly the drainage of the land.
 - the plant cover of the land.
 - the elevation of land forms.
 - the distribution of settlements only.

32. What will be the **best** effect on the development of your community if you engage in voluntary activities? It will
- encourage people to pay their taxes.
 - promote peace and harmony.
 - foster a sense of belonging and shared responsibility.
 - hinder social progress and development.
33. What is the **major** effect of illegal mining on the water bodies of Ghana?
- Destroys aquatic and plant life
 - Reduces the flow of water bodies
 - Changes the colour of the water bodies only
 - Empowers the youth negatively
34. Apart from law making, Ghana's legislature also
- ensures accountability of the Executive to the people.
 - formulates and implements policies for development.
 - protects powerful entities in the state.
 - assents bills to become laws.
35. Which of the following cultural elements would you say, identifies ethnic groups of Ghana the **most**?
- Dance
 - Food
 - Language
 - Music
36. One **major** benefit Ghana derives from legal mining activities is
- generation of revenue for development.
 - granting of loans for mining activities and employment.
 - availability of rocks for road construction.
 - presidential awards received by mining companies.
37. To ensure the survival of private enterprises, the government of Ghana must support
- advertising the products of private enterprises, oversees and provide tax exemption.
 - controlling and providing vital services and strict control.
 - payment of their tax obligation and other commitments.
 - providing efficient management and
38. The demarcation of administrative regions and districts of Ghana are **best** highlighted on
- an imaginary map.
 - an economic map.
 - a political map.
 - a historical map.
39. The primary aim of elections in Ghana is to
- allow the powerful to govern without restrain.
 - protect the rights of children and mothers only.
 - provide tax reliefs to groups of people with common interests.
 - change governments peacefully and orderly.
40. Most Ghanaian communities experience flooding during the raining season due to
- nature having its way.
 - poor hygienic conditions.
 - long period of dry season.
 - siting of buildings on water ways.

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