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Mark

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SOCIAL STUDIES

TIME: 1 hr 30 min

Name: _____ Class: _____ Register Number: _____

This paper has SEVEN Sections (A, B, C, D, E, F and G). Students have to answer ALL Sections.

Section A: Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word.

values	similarities	role	locality	individuals
get along	process	peer group	person	age

As a group of friends, the _____ brings together a number of _____ who gather together because of _____ between them. This could be their _____, because of their agreement on certain _____, or because they live in the same _____.

As in every other group, the group helps the individual's _____ of socialisation, where within the group the _____ learns and gets more used to interacting with people, he understands how to _____ with others and gains a better understanding of his _____ in society.



(10 marks)

Section B: Pair the terms from Column A with their respective meanings in Column B by writing the number in the middle space.

	COLUMN A		COLUMN B
1	Role		education that begins from home were parents teach you what is right and wrong.
2	Positive Sanctions		depends on the citizens' level of maturity and the capability of the state to treat everyone equal.
3	Negative Sanctions		is the control through the police forces and the court, against deviant behaviour.
4	Mass Media		Is the learning that is acquired from people and institutions apart from the family.
5	Primary Socialisation		when someone gives you a negative look, get a fine or end up in prison.
6	Social Control		obligations that persons are obliged to perform.
7	Rights		the social position that a person occupies within a group.
8	Social Order		when you receive a certificate, medal or a prize.
9	Duties		what a person deserves to receive from the society.
10	Secondary Socialisation		are books, newspapers, internet, radio, television, news, etc.

(10 marks)

Section C: Choose the correct answer only.

- 1 Formal education is the learning we receive
 - a from school, work and home.
 - b from school, college or University.
 - c from school, during sports or a meeting.

- 2 Informal education is the learning we receive
 - a from the work place and home.
 - b from the work place, school or University.
 - c from the work place, during sports or a meeting.

- 3 Non formal education is the learning we receive
 - a from training that is provided from the work place.
 - b from training that is provided from school.
 - c from internet websites.

- 4 Cultural groups include
- a missionary groups, environmental groups and those groups who help various victims.
 - b musical, sports and social groups.
 - c religious, missionary and musical groups.
- 5 Voluntary groups include
- a missionary groups, environmental groups and those groups who help various victims.
 - b musical, sports and social groups.
 - c religious, missionary and musical groups.
- 6 A modified extended family is made up of a wife, husband and children
- a who have the same responsibilities.
 - b who live under the same roof with other relatives.
 - c who live close to their relatives.
- 7 A symmetrical family means when the husband and wife
- A go to work and both carry out the housework.
 - B are married and they do not have children.
 - C can have children but they would not be married.
- 8 Social values are principles that
- a society values them as behavioural rules.
 - b society values as good.
 - c are developed in society.
- 9 When I am at work I have the right to
- a be responsible of my work.
 - b go on time.
 - c make new friends.
- 10 While I go out with friends I have the duty
- a to have fun.
 - b not to start a fight.
 - c to take a break from every day's routine.



(10 marks)

Section D: Mark TRUE or FALSE and explain why.

1. Higher Secondary forms part of the tertiary institution. TRUE/FALSE

Why? _____

2. Religion is not one of the agents of socialisation. TRUE/FALSE

Why? _____

3. Cohabitation consists of a man and a woman, who can have children, live together without being married. TRUE/FALSE

Why? _____

4. School is not preparing us for the world of work. TRUE/FALSE

Why? _____

5. School and peer group are two very important agents in our life. TRUE/FALSE

Why? _____

(2 marks x 5 = 10 marks)

Section E: If you knew these children what would you do?

1. I live in India and I start working before dawn and finish very late in the evening were I end up very tired. I am 8 years old and do not know what the word play means as I never have time for it. What is play and how do you play in your country?

(5 marks x 4 = 20 marks)

Section F: Read the following passage and answer ALL the questions.

Every now and then, every person feels the need to rest a bit from work which provides his/her living. This need is more than a simple rest from work and for sleeping. In fact most prefer to choose that they dedicate their free time to do activities that **require great physical and mental effort** (such as climbing a mountain or learn a language), to those that **require no great effort at all** (like watching television). Generally the choice of these activities serves so that the person rests and freshens up his/her memory.

Questions:

1. Mention **FOUR** sports activities that require great physical effort?

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

(4 marks)

2. Mention **FOUR** sports activities that require great mental effort?

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

(4 marks)

3. Mention **FOUR** other leisure activities that require no great physical effort?

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

(4 marks)

4. If the person only works and sleeps without finding time for himself/herself to have a break, what can happen? Give **TWO** examples.

(4 marks)

5. Sports has to be one of the main activities in a person's life. Mention **TWO** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages that are attained from doing sports.

(4 marks)

(20 marks)

Section G: Choose ONE of the following topics and write around 150 words:

1. Each and every one of us has a family who takes care of him/her.

a. Describe your family.

b. Talk about all that you really like in your family.

c. Are there any things which you would like to change?

2. The education system in Malta is split up into five phases.

a. Which are these five phases?

b. In detail explain every education phase that is provided in Malta.

3. Soon you will be taking an important decision about what subjects you will be choosing for next scholastic year.

a. What is the job/s that you are interested in doing when you grow up?

Explain in detail.

b. Talk about the subjects you intend to choose and explain why.

