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THEMES: PREPARING CANDIDATES FOR PLE

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1. Question interpretation and approaches
2. Nature of answers candidates write in papers and quality of marking.
3. Common mistakes in teaching social studies
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6. Spelling bee
7. Common misconceptions in social studies

Motivational quotes

a) Success is not a matter of luck, an accident of birth or a reward of virtue. It is a matter of decision, commitment, Planning, Execution and Recommitment

Success does not come with you; you must go with it.

Question interpretation

There is need for a learner to understand the question is to attempt i.e.,

Who: Requires an agent/personality//An actor//An actress.

Where: Place //Site//Location//Scene//

When: Time//Date//Day//Period//

Give: Reason//Cause//Way//

How: Method//An approach//Ways//

Why: Reason//Purpose//Behavior//Cause//

Note:

How do we answer “Why” questions?

Some “why” questions might require a candidate to begin with the word “To”

Examples

1. Why do people leave villages and go to towns?

Answers

To look for better schools in towns

To look for better hospitals in towns

To look for better paying jobs in towns.

2. Why did Bishop Desmond Tutu chair the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the Republic of South Africa?

Answer(s)

To promote reconciliation and forgiveness among the victims of apartheid.

To foster/Promote Unity between the blacks and the Whites in the Republic of South Africa.

Ways of answering questions beginning with “How”?

Some How questions may require a learner to begin with the word “By” or “Through.”

Examples of Why Questions that might not require to begin with the word “To”

1. How was Mountain Rwenzori formed in Uganda?

Answer

By faulting

2. How was the Drakensberg Mountain formed in South Africa?

Answers

By Volcanicity

However, in case they begin by the word “By” in the question a learner may not be required to repeat the word “By”

Example

1. By what process was Lake Victoria formed?

Answer

By down warping.

2. Of what process were the Atlas Mountains formed?

Answer Folding.

How to answer question beginning with the word “Mention”

Mention questions requires a learner to identify and begin with a keyword from the question while answering.

Examples

1. Mention one role played by the central government of Uganda.

Answers

The central government builds government schools.

The central government builds government hospitals.

The central government constructs major roads.

The central government pays civil servants.

2. Mention one economic importance of Lakes to the people of Uganda.

Answers

Lakes provide us with water for industrial use.

Lakes are source of mineral for selling.

Lakes are used for water transport.

Lakes are source of fish for selling.

However, not all “Mention” questions will require you to start with the key word from the question.

Some “Mention” questions will require you to go direct to the answer.

Example

1. Mention two states of the East African Community (EAC)

Answer

Uganda

Kenya
Tanzania
Rwanda
Burundi
DRC
Somalia
Ethiopia

2. Mention any two modern means of transport.

Answer

Cars

Bicycles

Ship

Aeroplane

Nature of Answers candidates write.

In a question paper, learners write the following answers.

1. Wrong answers
2. Correct answers
3. Correct but incomplete.(X
4. True answers.(x)

Examples

1. How is *Bigo bya Mugenyi* economically important to the government of Uganda?

Answers.

Bigo bya Mugenyi attracts tourists (Correct but incomplete and lacks a qualifier)

Bigo bya Mugenyi attracts tourists who bring income to the government of Uganda. (Correct answer

2. Why do Karimojong practice nomadic pastoralism?

Wrong: Wide spread of tsetse flies

True: The area experiences semi-desert climate.

Correct: To look for water and pasture for their animals.

1. Why was Uganda named the Pearl of Africa?

Answer

Uganda had beautiful sceneries //Physical features.

2. Why is Uganda crossed by the Equator?

Answers

Uganda has a warm equatorial climate with even days and nights.

Uganda 's lush landscape.

Wrong concepts

S/N	Content	Responses
	A town where the construction of the Uganda Railway started.	Wrong: Mombasa, Kenya Correct: Killidin in Mombasa

First railway line to be constructed in East Africa	Wrong: Tanga- Korogwe Correct: Usambara Railway
Country that borders Uganda in the West	Wrong: Democratic Republic of Congo Correct: Democratic Republic of the Congo
Personality who composed the Uganda National Anthem	Wrong: George William Kakoma. Correct: George Wilberforce Kakoma.
Country that has just recently joined the East African Community	Wrong: Democratic Republic of the Congo Correct: Somalia
Meaning of the term climate.	Wrong: Is the average weather condition of a place recorded for a long period of time.

		Correct: Is the average weather conditions recorded for a long time//Period.
	Founders of Bunyoro Kitara	Wrong: Batembuzi. Correct: Babiito.
	Colonial name given to the Northern Uganda and Southern Sudan	Wrong: Equatorial Province Correct: Equatoria Province.
	Founders of Bunyoro Kitara Empire	Wrong: The Babiito Correct: The Batembuzi
	District where Mabira forest is found.	Wrong: Mukono Correct: Buikwe

1. Lines of latitude and longitudes

The word Running to is no longer applicable because they do not have the starting point and ending point.

Instead define it like Lines of latitudes are imaginary lines drawn on a map from East to West.

2. What do you understand by the term latitude

Wrong: Latitude is the distance of a place North or South of the Equator.

Correct: Latitude is the angular distance of a place North or South of the Equator.

3. Districts in Uganda crossed by the Equator.

Wrong: Masaka//Bugiri district

Correct: Kasese//Kamwenge//Ibanda//Kiruhura//

Ssembabule//Kalungu//Mpigi//Mayuge//Namayingo//

4. Personality who declared Uganda a British Protectorate

Wrong: Sir. Gerald Portal

Correct: Lord Roseberry//Premier Roseberry

5. The political party that led Uganda to internal self-rule.

Wrong: Uganda People's Congress

Correct: Democratic party

6. The role of enumerator during population census.

Wrong: Enumerators counts people during population census

Correct: Collects population data//Collection population information during population census

7. Give any one method used in fishing.

Wrong: Hooks//Nets//Baskets//Spear

Correct: Using fishing gill netting method//Using fishing hooks//using fishing spears//using fishing baskets//

8. Why are bridges built?

Wrong: To help people cross water bodies

Correct: To help people cross rivers and streams.

9. What are physical features?

Wrong: These are natural landforms of an area

Correct: These are landforms of an area

NB: When one says that these are natural landforms of an area it means that there is no need to teach about man-made lakes.

10. What is a valley?

Wrong: A valley is a low land between two hills

Correct: A valley is a lowland between hills.

11. Which department in Uganda was set up to fight smuggling?

Wrong: Uganda Revenue Authority.

Correct: Special Revenue Protection Services. {SRPS}

12. Give one danger of deforestation.

Wrong: Causes famine//Causes drought//causes soil erosion//

Correct: It leads to drought//It leads to soil erosion//

13. What is the highest peak of Mountain Kilimanjaro?

Wrong: Kibo//Peak Kibo

Correct: Uhuru peak//Peak Uhuru

The highest peak of Mountain Mufumbiro

14. Who signed the 1955 Namirembe agreement on behalf of.

i) Buganda Kingdom

Wrong: Michael Kintu

Correct: Kabaka Muteesa II

ii) British government

Wrong: Keith Hancock

Correct: Sir Andrew Cohen

15. How is port Mombasa economically important to Uganda?

Wrong: It handles Uganda's imports and exports

Correct: It handles Uganda's imports and exports over seas

16. Mention the highest peak of Mountain Mufumbiro/Virunga.

Wrong: Muhavura peak//Peak Muhavura

Correct: Karisimbi Peak//Peak Karisimbi

Muhavura peak is 4127 metres high while Karisimbi peak is 4507 metres
{14787 ft}

The word Virunga is an English that means a volcano.

Comparison questions

Examples of comparison questions

- a) Why do most people in Uganda prefer using air transport than air transport?

Wrong: Road transport is common

Correct: Road transport is common while air transport is scarce//Road transport is common unlike air transport//

- b) Give a reason why air transport is suitable for transporting perishable goods than railway transport?

Answers `

Correct but incomplete: Air transport is faster/Quick.

Correct: Air transport is faster while railway transport is slow.

Map symbols that have been changed

- i) Bridge
- ii) Zebra crossing
- iii) Humps

- iv) Round about
- v) Quarry
- vi) Mine

PLE TOPICS THAT HAVE NOT MISSED FROM 2012 TO 2024

1. Government of Uganda (p.5)
2. Climate (P.5, p.6 p.7)
3. Leaders in our district (p.4)
4. People (P.4,5,6,7)
5. Location (P.5,6,7)
6. How to meet people's needs (P.4)
7. Foreign influence (P.5,6,7)
8. Vegetation (P.5, 6,7)
9. Physical features (P.5,6,7)
10. Uganda as an independent nation (P.5)

Topics that need emphasis in Re-teaching

1. East African Community (P.6)
2. Major World Organizations (P.7)

3. Economic Development in Africa (P.7)

4. The Road to independence (P.5,6,7)

5. Resources (P.5,6)

IRE TOPICS

Pillars of Islam (P.5)

Pillars of Islamic faith (P.6)

CRE TOPICS

Bible

Creation

Important personalities {Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joseph, Virgin Mary, John the Baptist}

Prophets and messages

Jesus Christ. (from Birth to Ascension)

PRIMARY TOPICS {P.1-P.7}

1. Our school and neighborhood

2. Our Home and Community

3. Weather

4. Transport and communication
5. Peace and Security
6. Child protection
7. Our leaders in the district
8. How to meet people's needs in our district
9. Map work
10. Location of Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.
11. Physical features of Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.
12. Climate of Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.
13. Vegetation of Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.
14. Major Resources of Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.
15. People of Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.
16. Population, Size and Distribution in Uganda, East Africa and Africa.
17. Foreign influence in Uganda, East Africa and Africa.
18. How Uganda became a Nation.
19. The Road to independence in Uganda, East Africa, and Africa.

20. Uganda as an independent Nation.
21. The government of Uganda
22. Responsible living in the African Environment.
23. Nationalism and the Road to
24. independence
25. Post independence Africa
26. Economic Development in Africa
27. Major world Organizations

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