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Key messages

- It is important that candidates follow instructions especially in **SECTION B** as they answered **ALL** the 6 questions instead of the required 5. Some candidates, instead of choosing and answering only 5 questions out of the 6, they answered only 5 sub questions of each question instead of answering it in its totality.
- It is important that candidates write the correct spelling of words to avoid losing marks. It was noted that candidates were struggling with writing correct spelling of words despite the fact that they knew the content.

General comments.

The 2020 paper comprised two sections, SECTION A (Compulsory to ALL candidates) and SECTION B (Candidates had to answer only 5 out of the 6 questions). The 2020 Social Studies Paper was written by over 27 000 candidates. Quite a number of candidates fared fairly well in this paper.

Comments on specific questions

Section A - Compulsory

Candidates were supposed to answer **ALL** questions in this section.

- 1 (a) **What is the name of the group of people found in East Africa in Southern Kenya and Tanzania?** [1]
- Expected response: **Maasai**
- Some candidates wrote “Masai/Masayi/Massiah/Messiah” instead of the correct word “Maasai”. They therefore lost this mark due to spelling error. There were also wild but dominant responses such as Khoikhoi/San/Khoisan.
- (b) **Who was the Portuguese sailor that sailed around Africa in 1498?** [1]
- Expected response: **Vasco Da Gama**
- Some candidates gave responses like Bartholomew Diaz/Jan Van Reibeeck which were incorrect.
- 2 (a) **What do we call the people who use goods and services provided by producers?** [1]
- Expected response: **Consumers**
- Fairly done by most candidates as they gave the correct response. Other common responses that were seen included: “Buyers/Customers/Producers”.
- (b) **Name the factor of production that is necessary to get machinery and equipment in a business?** [1]
- Expected response: **Capital**
- Some candidates wrote responses like “Money/ Loan” hence they lost marks.

- 3 (a) **What do we call the lines in a map that are used to locate places East or West of the Greenwich Meridian?** [1]

Expected response: **Longitudes/Lines of Longitude/Meridians [any 1]**

Well answered by a majority of candidates although there were responses like “Latitudes/ Lines of Latitude/ Equator”

- (b) **Name the largest continent in the world.** [1]

Expected response: **Asia**

Well done by most candidates although some wrote the other oceans of the world instead of Asia and lost this mark.

- 4 (a) **What two human activities are likely to cause soil erosion?** [2]

(i) **Agriculture (ploughing)/ uncontrolled veld fires/ burning grasses in the wrong season/ overgrazing**

(ii) **Bad farming methods/ ploughing up and down the slope**

(iii) **Deforestation**

(iv) **Livestock and human tracks (using the same track over and over again**

[Any two]

Fairly done by most candidates but some wrote the effects of soil erosion instead of causes for soil erosion.

- 5 (a) **Name the colourless gas found in the atmosphere that protects the earth from the dangerous rays of the sun.** [1]

Expected response: **Ozone**

Fairly done by most candidates but there were those who wrote Ozone Layer/ Nitrogen/ Oxygen/ Carbon dioxide, etc., hence they lost this valuable mark.

- (b) **Which global environmental law is against trade in endangered species?** [1]

Expected response: **CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species)**

It was poorly done by most candidates. A majority gave Waste Regulation as their response.

6 (a) Name any two institutions whose work is to provide social welfare services. [1]

Expected response:

(i) Government

(ii) Private Institutions

A majority of candidates failed to differentiate between government and government workers hence they listed those government workers who provide the social welfare services like: Doctors/Nurses/Teachers/Police, etc.

There were also those that listed government ministries or departments that provide social welfare services such as Ministry of Education/ Health and Deputy Prime Minister's Office (Welfare Office/Unit/ Department). Furthermore, there were those that responded by unpacking the Private Institutions by listing them, eg. Fundzis' Umntfwana, Prince Sicalo Foundation, SWAAGA, Red Cross Society, Philani MaSwati, Bantwana Bantwana, etc. Some went for World Organizations like UN/UNICEF/WFP, etc. Such candidates lost marks for this question.

7 In what two ways is labour important to a business? [2]

Expected response:

(i) It drives the work/ Improves production if the labour is of high quality (Skilled or Specialized labour)

(ii) Make the goods and provide services

(iii) For higher or increased profits and opportunity for more investment

[Any two]

Most candidates seemed to have not understood what is meant by "labour" hence instead of stating the importance of labour in a business, they were giving responses of the use of capital in a business.

8 In places where there are human grown forests what problems are likely to be experienced? [2]

Expected response:

(a) Shortage of underground water

(b) Disputes as a result of land being taken over by the forests

(c) Disputes over the ownership of the forests

(d) Replacement of natural trees as human grown forests are more invasive

(e) Veld fires

(f) Dangerous animals that may become inhabitants of the forests

(g) Rise in crime rate where these forests are found as they may provide hiding spots for criminals as well as be room for practicing crime like rape/murders

[Any two]

It was fairly done by most candidates as they gave the expected response. There were those though that gave problems that may be experienced by people who are around human grown forests.

9 What two things can be done to prevent overgrazing in Eswatini? [2]

Expected response:

- (a) Keeping the correct number of animals**
- (b) Allowing some grazing lands to rest**
- (c) Practicing zero grazing**
- (d) Not burning grazing lands during the dry season**

Well done by the majority of candidates. Some of those who did not do well in this question wrote solutions for soil erosion instead of overgrazing and by so doing lost marks.

10 Name any two types of migration that people in the world engage in. [2]

Expected response:

- (a) Internal/ National migration**
- (b) External/ International migration**
- (c) Rural-urban migration**
- (d) Urban-rural migration**

[Any two]

Well done by most candidates as they were able to give any of the two types from the list above. There were exceptional cases though where candidates gave names by which the people who engage in some of these forms of migration are referred to i.e. Immigrants & Emigrants

SECTION B

General comments

This section comprised six questions (Questions 1 – 6). Each question had sub questions. Candidates were required to choose any 5 questions of their choice and answer all sub questions under each question.

Most candidates failed to follow this simple instruction and opted to:

- Answer all the 6 questions
- Answered a total of 5 questions taken from sub questions of any of the 6 questions. For example, some chose to answer 2 sub questions in Question 1 and 3 in sub question 5, totaling 5 instead of choosing Question 1; 3; 4; 5; and 6 and answering all the sub questions of each question leaving out Question 2. By so doing, candidates lost a lot of valuable marks.
- Other candidates answered only two or three questions and left the others blank thus losing marks.

It is recommended that candidates read the instructions carefully in order to fully understand the questions before answering them.

Specific comments

1. (a) **Name the ocean that is bounded by Asia to the North, Africa to the West and Australia to the East?** [1]
Expected response: **Indian**
Well answered by a majority of candidates as they gave the expected response but some mentioned other oceans which were unfortunately wrong.
- (b) **Mention any two features that are likely to be shown on a physical map.** [2]
Expected response:
(i) **Land features [mountains/ valleys/ plateaus/ hills/ cliffs/etc.]**
(ii) **Water features [waterfalls/ lakes/ dams/ rivers**
- (c) **Deserts normally have less vegetation that grows in them. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with two examples.** [3]
Expected response:
Yes.¹ Deserts have little or no rainfall for vegetation to grow.¹ They also experience high temperatures¹ and infertile soils¹ to support vegetation growth.
[1 mark for the stand and 2 marks for any two supporting statements.]
2. (a) **What do we call the process when one country takes over and rule another?** [1]
Well done by a majority of candidates as they gave Colonisation as a response. There were some candidates who responded by giving Colonizing/ Colonialism as responses and lost marks in the process.
- (b) **Mention any two reasons why European countries colonized some countries in Africa.** [2]
Any two under each of these
Expected response:
Reasons [Wanted prestige]; Economic Reasons [They were looking for markets/They wanted raw materials/They wanted to trade with Africans]; Strategic Reasons [They wanted to civilize Africa/They wanted to convert Africans to their religion/They wanted prestige/They were looking for new opportunities
- (c) **Colonialism had negative results on Africans. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with two examples.** [3]
[Any of the two stands and two supports]
Expected response:
Yes¹. Politically [African land was taken away/Minerals and livestock for the Africans were taken away/ Boundaries were set on African lands/ Traditional leaders lost their power and culture/ Taxation was introduced] any 1¹
Economically [Europeans were looking for trading markets in Africa hence they ensured that what Africans made by themselves looked inferior to what they were bringing] any 1¹

Strategically [Europeans wanted to civilize Africa/They wanted prestige/They wanted to convert Africans to their religion/They were looking for new opportunities] Any1¹

OR

No.¹ They brought civilization in Africa which improved the way of life for the Africans/They brought religion which made people live in peace and harmony/They brought education which enabled the Africans to fight for their independence and improved their quality of life/They opened new systems of trade. Any2²

3. (a) **What is the name given to a group of people ruling a country?** [1]

Expected response: **Government**

Fairly done by most candidates as they gave the expected response. There were others that gave responses such as Ruling Party/ Party but could not be credited because they were incorrect.

- (b) **Mention any two examples of arms that make up most governments.** [2]

Expected response: **Legislature/Judiciary/Executive**

Well answered by most candidates. There were also responses such as Courts/ Judges/ Parliament/ Cabinet/ Ministers which were incorrect. **[Any two]**

- (c) **Rules are important in every community. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with two examples.** [3]

Expected response:

Yes. Rules guide/ help us to live in peace with one another/ Bring Order/ Ensure safety in communities.

4. (a) **In which year were the Waste Regulations put into place in Eswatini?** [1]

Expected response: **Year 2000**

Well answered by most candidates as they gave 2000 as the year. However, some candidates wrote 200; 2001; 2008 hence they lost this mark in this question.

- (b) **Mention any two types of pollution.** [2]

Expected response: **Air/ Noise/ Land/ Water/ Noise pollution.** [Any two]

Correctly answered by most candidates.

- (c) **The effects of overgrazing can be minimized by farmers. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with two examples.** [3]

Expected response:

Yes. The effects of overgrazing can be minimized by farmers. For example, if farmers can do two of the following:

- **Keeping correct number of animals**
- **Allowing some areas to rest**
- **Practicing zero grazing**
- **Not burning grazing areas in dry seasons**

Well answered by most candidates. There were candidates though that took a positive stand and used negative arguments to support their stand thus lost valuable marks. Others gave support for causes of soil erosion.

5. (a) **What name is given to the things that are needed in order to produce goods and services?** [1]

Expected response: **Factors of production**

A majority of candidates failed to respond correctly to this question. Instead of writing Factors of Production, they tended to list the factors of production being: Land/ Capital/ Money/ Labour/ Entrepreneur thus losing this valuable mark in this question. Some also wrote Wants/ Needs thus losing marks in the process.

- (b) **Mention two types of business owners who start and manage businesses.** [2]

Expected response:

- **Large business owners**
- **Small business owners**
- **Sole trader**
- **Partnerships/Companies/Industries [Any two]**

This question was poorly done by most candidates as they failed to list any of the above responses that were expected. Some even wrote names/ types of businesses under each. For example, there were responses like saloons, barbers, groceries, shops, supermarkets, Phumula General Dealer, Imphilo Store, etc and lost marks in process.

- (c) **Budgeting is an important activity in a business. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with two examples.** [3]

Yes. Drawing a budget is important for a business because it helps the business person to do the following;

- **Decide which things need to be done first**
- **Choose how much money will be spent on things**
- **Identify unnecessary expenses**
- **Ensure basic needs are met**
- **Avoid getting into debts [Any two]**

6. (a) **What is the name of the town where a lot of industries are found in Eswatini?** [1]

Expected response:

Matsapha

A sizeable number of candidates were able to correctly respond to this question. Some wrote Manzini instead of Matsapha.

- (b) **What are any two benefits of conserving wildlife to the people of Eswatini?** [2]

Expected response:

- **Wildlife does not become extinct**
- **It encourages tourism**
- **It creates job opportunities**
- **Future generations may be able to find them**
- **Some species of wildlife are used for cultural activities**
- **Some are used as part of the clothing for the monarchy [Any two]**

Most candidates did not respond well to this question. They stated that wildlife is conserved so that people can get food, meat, clothes, medicine, etc. instead of the expected responses as stated above.

- (c) **Eswatini does not benefit by being a member of the United Nations. Do you agree with statement? Support your answer with two examples.** [3]

Expected response:

No. There are many benefits that Eswatini gets by being a member of the UN. Some of these benefits include:

[Any two of the following]

- **Getting advice on how to improve food production**
- **Getting technical help and advice on different areas of the economy**
- **Getting financial help to develop the economy**
- **Trading with other countries**

Fairly done by most candidates as they showed good understanding and knowledge of the benefits of Eswatini being a member of the United Nations. Some though, responded by giving the aims of the UN whilst others gave benefits the kingdom gets from being a member of the Commonwealth. They ended up losing marks for this.