

# **2023 BECE SOCIAL STUDIES QUESTIONS**

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PAPER 2

1 hour

Essay

*This paper consists of three sections: I, II and III. Answer three questions only, choosing one question from each section. All questions carry equal marks.*

## SECTION I

## THE ENVIRONMENT

*Answer one question only from this section.*

1. (a) List **four** features of a good map. [4 marks]
- (b) Calculate the time at town 'A' on longitude  $45^{\circ}$  E if the time at town 'B' on longitude  $0^{\circ}$  is 9 a.m. [6 marks]
- (c) In what **five** ways are rocks useful to the human being? [10 marks]
2. (a) Outline **four** measures that can be taken to reduce the pollution of water bodies in Ghana. [12 marks]
- (b) Identify **four** problems the rural areas of Ghana suffer from as a result of migration of the youthful population to the cities. [8 marks]

## SECTION II

## GOVERNANCE, POLITICS AND STABILITY

*Answer one question only from this section.*

3. (a) (i) State the **three** arms of government in Ghana. [6 marks]
- (ii) Highlight **three** functions of the District Chief Executive under the local government system of Ghana. [6 marks]
- (b) Outline **four** reasons for which Ghana enters into cooperation with other countries. [8 marks]
4. (a) (i) Differentiate between *freedom* and *obligation*. [4 marks]
- (ii) State **four** obligations of a citizen to the state. [4 marks]
- (b) Highlight **four** ways in which law and order is maintained in schools. [12 marks]

## SECTION III

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Answer one question only from this section.*

5. (a) (i) What is a *settlement*? [4 marks]
- (ii) Explain **four** reasons for which bad layouts of settlements are prevented. [4 marks]
- (b) Highlight **four** ways in which the forest vegetation of Ghana can be preserved. [12 marks]
6. (a) State the **two** classifications of human resource. [4 marks]
- (b) Outline **four** measures the government can take to ensure efficient use of human resource in Ghana. [16 marks]

**END OF ESSAY TEST**

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.

B

C

D

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

Do all rough work on this question paper.

Now answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following is **not** an indigenous Ghanaian language?
  - A. Dagare
  - B. Ga
  - C. Nzema
  - D. Hauza
2. One factor that can make the adolescent drop out of school is
  - A. chaste life.
  - B. early parenthood.
  - C. social dignity.
  - D. moral discipline.
3. The local government system is meant to
  - A. provide resources for all.
  - B. elect leaders.
  - C. support the traditional justice system.
  - D. bring government closer to the people.
4. Irresponsible behaviour of adolescents can result in
  - A. child abuse.
  - B. responsible parenting.
  - C. peer pressure.
  - D. school dropout.
5. The Greenwich meridian passes through **one** of the following places.
  - A. Accra
  - B. Sunyani
  - C. Tema
  - D. Ho
6. A society is said to be disciplined when its members
  - A. work hard to promote the well-being of the society.
  - B. obey the rules and regulations that govern the society.
  - C. agree to choose their leaders very peacefully.
  - D. are friendly especially towards foreigners.
7. Which of the following latitudes divides the world into two equal halves?
  - A.  $0^\circ$
  - B.  $23\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  N
  - C.  $23\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  S
  - D.  $66\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  N
8. Which of the following towns is a manganese producing centre in Ghana?
  - A. Nkwatia
  - B. Nsuta
  - C. Saltpond
  - D. Mpraeso

9. Which of the following investments cover one's properties against fire outbreaks?
- Treasury bill
  - Government bonds
  - Insurance policy
  - Company shares
10. Which of the following cultural practices is considered acceptable in the Ghanaian society?
- Trokosi
  - Dipo
  - Female Genital Mutilation
  - Widowhood rites
11. A disciplined child is the one who
- is well educated in the family.
  - is well trained in the family.
  - obeys the rules of the family.
  - organizes the family for communal labour.
12. One of the many ways by which conflicts are reduced in the society is through
- prayers.
  - meditation.
  - mediation.
  - punishment.
13. The imaginary lines shown on maps which help to determine time are called
- longitudes.
  - equator.
  - latitudes.
  - great circles.
14. Which place did the Akans settle first during their migration to their present locations?
- Denkyira
  - Dormaa Ahinkro
  - Bono Manso
  - Chiraa
15. Which one of the following factors was **not** a cause of the 1948 riots in the Gold Coast?
- Nkrumah's suspension from the U.G.C.C.
  - Rising prices of goods
  - Mass unemployment
  - General discontent against European rule
- 5.
16. The **main** duty of the police in a community is to
- arrest criminals.
  - intimidate people.
  - direct traffic.
  - keep law and order.
17. A bill becomes a law when it is signed by the
- Chief Justice.
  - Attorney General.
  - President.
  - Speaker of Parliament.
18. To prevent human rights abuse in Ghana, the courts **must**
- allow their sittings to be telecast by TV stations.
  - be fair to all manner of persons.
  - extend their sitting hours to late evening.
  - set up a supreme court in every district.
19. Ghana's dependence on foreign loans can be minimized by
- diversifying and processing more for exports.
  - the importation of skilled labour.
  - the size of her population.
  - printing more money.
20. The two **main** types of co-operation that exist among nations are
- bilateral and cultural.
  - bilateral and multilateral.
  - economic and technical.
  - educational and multilateral.
21. In the solar system, the Earth is one of the
- Globes.
  - Latitudes.
  - Longitudes.
  - Planets.
22. Which of the following cultural practices should be maintained in Ghana?
- Incision of tribal marks
  - Widowhood rights
  - Trokosi
  - Child naming

Turn over

23. A scale presented in a line form is known as  
 A. map scale.  
 B. statement scale.  
 C. representative scale.  
 D. linear scale.
24. Which of the following rivers flow into Lake Volta?  
 A. Afram  
 B. Pra  
 C. Densu  
 D. Tano
25. The southwest Monsoon winds, more often than not bring rainfall to the southern parts of Ghana between  
 A. December and March.  
 B. January and April.  
 C. February and June.  
 D. April and October.
26. The largest ethnic group in Ghana is the  
 A. Ga-Adangmes.  
 B. Ewes.  
 C. Guans.  
 D. Akans.
27. Europeans presence and activities on the Gold Coast included the following **except**  
 A. trading with the people.  
 B. evangelizing the people.  
 C. destroying farm lands for gold.  
 D. spreading European civilization.
28. Which of the following is a good measure for preventing human rights violation in Ghana?  
 A. Extending formal education to all  
 B. Organizing free and fair elections  
 C. Making external travel more accessible  
 D. Establishing more human rights institutions
29. Lake Bosomtwe, which is one of the natural lakes in the world is located in the  
 A. Ashanti Region.
30. International sporting activities do **not** only serve to promote friendship but also to  
 A. generate income for the countries.  
 B. win trophies.  
 C. receive aids and grants.  
 D. improve cultural practices.
31. Which of the following areas in Ghana is **most** likely to experience relief rainfall?  
 A. Volta lowlands  
 B. Accra plains  
 C. Northern lowlands  
 D. Kwahu scarp
32. If the time at town (A) on **longitude 20°E** is 9:00 a.m., what will be the time at town (B) on **longitude 80°E**?  
 A. 1:00 p.m.  
 B. 1:00 a.m.  
 C. 8:00 p.m.  
 D. 8:00 a.m.
33. The **main** source of light energy on the Earth is the  
 A. Hydro.  
 B. Moon.  
 C. Sun.  
 D. Stars.
34. Universal Adult Suffrage guarantees the right to  
 A. respect the laws of the land.  
 B. pay taxes on time.  
 C. vote to elect leaders.  
 D. register as a citizen.
35. Which of the following did **not** form part of the reasons for the formation of the Fante Confederation?  
 A. Promote education of the people on their rights  
 B. Protest against the Poll Tax Ordinance  
 C. Protect the people from external attack  
 D. Provide social amenities for the

36. Ghana is bordered to the east by which of the following countries?
- A. Togo
  - B. Côte d'Ivoire
  - C. Burkina Faso
  - D. Nigeria
37. Primary production is important in Ghana because it provides
- A. credit.
  - B. capital.
  - C. employment.
  - D. services.
38. Which of the following best promotes the smooth operation of Separation of Powers in Ghana? The
- A. Presidency
  - B. Chief Justice
  - C. Constitution
  - D. Speaker of parliament
39. In which type of rock can coal be found?
- A. Igneous
  - B. Volcanic
  - C. Sedimentary
  - D. Plutonic
40. One of the founding fathers of Ghana who left the United Gold Coast Convention (U.G.C.C.) to form his own party was
- A. J. B. Danquah.
  - B. Kwame Nkrumah.
  - C. Ako Adjei.
  - D. Nana William Ofori Atta.

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