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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAM (APRIL SESSION)

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

ECT 506: THE NATURE OF SOCIAL STUDIES

DATE: FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2010

TIME: 9.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Question ONE is compulsory and do ANY TWO questions from the Remaining choices.

1. a) Given our class discussions , what is social studies and how important is the discipline to the learner? [10 marks]
 b) Using Barry K. Beyers (1988) model developing skills as discussed in class, explain how the thinking skills and thinking strategies can be organized throughout the social studies curriculum to make meaning to the learner. [10 marks]
2. Discuss in details and with relevant examples why is it important to teach social studies? [20 marks]
3. How will the teaching of social studies balance the meeting of local, national and global social and economic development needs in the social studies curriculum. [20 marks]
4. Compare and contrast the teaching of social studies in primary schools and the individual social subjects at secondary schools. What lesson can we learn from this format of study? [20 marks]
5. Discuss with specific examples, the relations of social studies with the society it serves in terms of social order, leadership and development. [20 marks]