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GENERAL STUDIES

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: $2^1/_2$ Hours **Monday 03 May 2004 a.m.**

Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B, C and D.
2. Answer **four (4)** questions, choosing **one (1)** question from each section.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. Cellular phones are **not** allowed in the examination room.
5. Write your Examination Number on every page of your answer booklet(s).

SECTION A

COMMUNICATION

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions which follow:

The International Human Rights Charter recognizes that the enjoyment of the highest standard of health including reproductive health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being. Reproductive health is the absence of disorders and diseases; it also implies the ability to practise and enjoy sexual relationships and to be safe in having sex, reproduction, enjoyment of safe pregnancy, and regulation of fertility without sacrificing one's own health.

In many parts of the World, Women's reproductive and sexual rights are severely undermined by customs, laws, health services and information. The World Health Organization has established these facts about Women's reproductive health. An estimated 30 Million couples do not have access to family planning services; about 910,000 conceptions that take place in the world every day, about 50 % are unplanned and about 25 % are unwanted. Also about 150,000 of such pregnancies are terminated every day by induced abortions, whereby one-third of which are performed under unsafe conditions and about 500 women die each day as a result of unsafe abortions.

Adolescent girls are vulnerable; most likely pressurised to engage in sexual activities, face high risks including maternal mortality and the possibility of contracting HIV/AIDS. Adolescent issues are critical in the North and South too. For example in the United States, one in six babies is born to a school age mother. The situation is nearly the same in the South.

Girls and Young Women are at risk because men tend to assume that they are less likely infected with HIV; thus they are the most targeted group in sexual activities with multiple partners and by older men. For example, a study conducted in 1988 in Zaire and Nigeria found that 16 % of female patients treated for STDS were under 15.

QUESTIONS

(a) Why does the International Community consider much about the Reproductive Health of Women?

(b) What customs do you think affect the reproductive health of women in our country?

(c) What reasons do you think cause a high rate of abortions in the world and what are the effects of abortions?

(d) In your opinion give genuine reasons why men prefer having sex with young girls who are under 15.

(e) Suggest a suitable title for this passage.

2. Discuss the major problems facing communication sector in Tanzania.

3. Reading literature contributes to one's personal development. Discuss.

4. Examine the advantage and disadvantage of television on societies.

SECTION B

CULTURE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

5. Explain the major factors which contributed to deculturalization process in Tanzania and show the measures taken to maintain your culture.

6. Examine the significance of the philosophy of Education for Self-Reliance.

7. Discuss the fundamental causes of current conflicts within different religious sects in Tanzania and suggest solutions for alleviation.

8. "To the Africans liberalism is nothing but exploitation and impoverishment". Assess this contention.

SECTION C

POLICTICS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

9. Identify the problems of rural life in Tanzania and suggest appropriate solutions to them.

10. Evaluate the aspects and future prospects of the New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

11. State five notable features of good governance in Tanzania.

12. Examine major challenges in providing health services in Tanzania

SECTION D

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

13. Technological advancement must be appropriate and compatible with culture and economic development. Discuss.

14. Why do you think is economically important to conserve our environment?

15. Assess the significance of The Science and Technology Policy in the current globalization process.

16. Show how human activities destabilizes the ecosystem and suggest remedial measures.