

BECE SOCIAL STUDIES 2017

PAPER 2

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS PREVIEW

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PAPER 2 – ESSAY

1 hour

This paper consists of three sections: A, B and C.

Answer **three** questions **only**, choosing **one** question from **each** section.

Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material

SECTION A	SECTION B
SECTION C	

SECTION A

THE ENVIRONMENT

Answer **one** question **only** from this section.

1. (a)

(i) Define the term *superstition*. [3 marks]

It is a belief that is not based on reason of fact and usually instils fear in people.

OR

It is a belief that is not scientifically proven and usually instils fear in people.

(ii) List **two** examples of superstitious beliefs in Ghana. [2 marks]

(Mention any two of the following)

Belief in :

taboos / ghosts / wizards (or witches) / juju / curses / deities / myths / magic

(b) Outline **five** effects of superstitious beliefs in Ghana. [15 marks]

(Write an essay of **at least five paragraphs** to state and explain, with examples, any five of these points)

- (i) creates extreme / irrational fear
- (ii) slows / retards progress
- (iii) prevents scientific growth and development
- (iv) allows human rights abuse
- (v) brings conflict among family members.
- (vi) brings conflict within the society
- (vii) creates mistrust/hatred among individuals in a community
- (viii) creates tension in the society
- (ix) discourages one from seeking appropriate solutions to problems
- (x) retards development initiatives
- (xi) encourages rest (from work)
- (xii) helps maintain law and order
- (xiii) promotes environmental conservation and protection
- (xiv) controls the spread of communicable/contagious diseases
- (xv) prevents people from being wicked to others.
- (xvi) lots of money/resources is spent on purification rites and sacrifices
- (xvii) prevents crime
- (xviii) does not lead to critical / scientific thinking
- (xix) promotes outmoded cultural practices

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2. (a) State **four** characteristics of a good map. [4 marks]

A good map should have the following:

- (i) Title
- (ii) Date
- (iii) Scale
- (iv) Key / legend
- (v) Conventional signs
- (vi) Direction

(b) Highlight the steps you will take to draw the map of your school compound. [16 marks]

(Using complete sentences, state and briefly explain **any eight (8)** of the points below)

- (i) do a reconnaissance / survey

- (ii) do a rough sketch map
- (iii) revisit the compound for correction
- (iv) measure the length and breadth of compound
- (v) choose and state the scale
- (vi) draw the outline of the compound using the scale
- (vii) insert the outline of the features on the compound.
- (viii) show the north pole
- (ix) show the key
- (x) write the title of the map

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SECTION B

GOVERNANCE, POLITICS AND STABILITY

Answer **one** question **only** from this section.

- 3.** (a) Study the table below and match **correctly** the events in column **A** against the year it occurred in column **B**.
[4 marks]

A (EVENT)	B (YEAR)
(i) Formation of the Fante confederation	1852
(ii) The Yaa Asantewaa War	1868
(iii) The Sagrenti War	1900
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- (b) Outline **four** causes of the 1948 riots in the Gold Coast.

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Jesus Christ ..
whom you crucified,
whom God raised
from the dead..
Acts 4: 10**