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SOCIAL STUDIES

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

You should have the following for this examination:

Answer booklet

Answer any FIVE of the following SEVEN questions.

All questions carry equal marks and the maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown.

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1. By the help of relevant examples, explain the effects of inflation to Kenyan Citizens. (20 marks)
2. "Levying tax is tantamount to robbing John to pay Paul." Explain why less developed countries rely more on borrowing than taxation. (20 marks)
3. You are a neighbor to a hardworking man. He wakes up at around 5.30a.m. He labours the whole day and has very little to show for his "hard work". The man comments: "I now truly believe that poverty is predestined by God." Critically examine this statement. (20 marks)
4. Company XWC Ltd is currently nursing a serious problem of indiscipline and go-slow attitude towards their duties. Explain the possible causes of indiscipline in XWC Ltd. (20 marks)
5. (a) Peer influence is the cardinal determinant of individual ethics. Discuss. (10 marks)
(b) Discuss FIVE ways by which an organization can alleviate stress. (10 marks)
6. Your brother is an employee of a dairy Cooperative Society as a dairy manager. His immediate supervisor instructs him to top-up every five litres of milk with one litre of water so that the cooperative society can post more profits. His conscience disturbs him and affects his performance in the work place. He doesn't want to say "No" to the directive because its tantamount to reprimanding his senior, which would place him on collision path and eventually dismissal from employment.
(a) Using relevant examples, explain how you would help your brother from the tempting and difficult circumstance. (10 marks)
(b) Explain FIVE attributes of a good leader. (10 marks)
7. (a) Explain ways in which an individual can satisfy social needs. (10 marks)
(b) Over population is the major cause of under employment in Kenya. Discuss. (10 marks)