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DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. In the spaces provided above, insert your Name, Full Index Number, normal Signature and the Date of Examination.

2. Write on both sides of the paper unless otherwise instructed on the question paper.

3. Begin each answer to a question on a fresh page. Leave two lines between answers where these are sub-sections to the same question.

4. The questions are in three sections; A, B and C. Answer three questions in all, choosing one question from each section.

5. Write the number of each question at the top of each page.

6. Under no circumstance should you work on any other paper or tear any part of the booklet.

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PAPER 2
Essay
[60 marks]

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.

Answer all the questions in your answer booklet.

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

SECTION I

THE ENVIRONMENT

Answer one question only from this section.

1. (a) (i) State two benefits derived from oceans.
(ii) List four seasons caused by the effect of revolution of the earth. [4 marks] [4 marks]

(b) With the aid of a diagram, describe how day and night are caused. [12 marks]

2. (a) Identify four benefits derived from the mining industry in Ghana. [8 marks]
(b) Explain four problems associated with the mining industry in Ghana. [12 marks]

SECTION II

GOVERNANCE, POLITICS AND STABILITY

Answer one question only from this section.

3. (a) (i) List two acts of human rights abuses. [2 marks]
(ii) Outline three reasons for which people suffer human rights abuses. [6 marks]

(b) Describe four ways by which human rights abuses can be prevented. [12 marks]

4. (a) Describe the following ways by which one can become a citizen of Ghana:
(i) naturalization; [3 marks]
(ii) amnesty; [3 marks]
(iii) conferment; [3 marks]
(iv) adoption. [3 marks]

(b) State four duties of a good citizen. [8 marks]

SECTION III

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Answer one question only from this section.

5. (a) Outline four reasons for the establishment of state owned enterprises in Ghana. [8 marks]

(b) State four problems facing state owned enterprises in Ghana. [12 marks]

6. (a) (i) List two examples of skilled human resource in Ghana. [2 marks]
(ii) State three factors that can affect human resource negatively. [6 marks]

(b) Explain four ways by which human resource in Ghana can be improved. [12 marks]