

FORM 4

SOCIAL STUDIES (GENERAL)

TIME: 1h 30min

This examination paper consists of FOUR Sections (A, B, C and D). Students are requested to attempt ALL Sections. Marks for each Section appear between brackets.

Section A: Answer ALL the following questions.

1. What do you understand by the phrase **no man is an island**? (5)
 2. In today's life we have become more interdependent. Explain the term **interdependent** and state why we have become even more so than in the past. (5)
 3. Explain how local councils contribute to a more democratic environment in the country. (5)
 4. Distinguish between a **totalitarian state** and a **democratic state**. (4)
 5. What is a **peer group**? Why is it important for youths? (6)
- (25 marks)**

Section B: Read carefully the following passage and then answer ALL the questions that follow.

According to certain people, a family composed of a man, woman and their offspring is ideal. But this is not the only way how to define a family, because different people in various countries can define it differently. There are various criteria through which different types of family structures are identified. Some of these include: the country's particular economic setup, the influence of certain cultures and different lifestyles on the inhabitants of certain countries, and religion.

Questions

1. Explain what an **extended family** is. Mention **THREE** characteristics of this type of family. (5)
2. Explain what a **nuclear family** is. Mention **THREE** characteristics of this type of family. (5)
3. Contemporary family has become **symmetrical**. Explain what we mean by this term. (4)
4. Which type of family do we normally find in developed and developing countries? Why do you think there is this difference in the type of family structure? (5)
5. Mention **FIVE** problems which the family faces today. (5)
6. Which are the roles met by the family? Mention **TWO** of these and explain them. (6)
7. Mention **TWO** functions which in the past were fulfilled by the family and today are being met by other institutions. Explain why this has happened. (5)

(35 marks)

Section C: Write a paragraph of about 150 words on ONE of the following.

1. Explain why culture is a human process.
2. A democratic society gives opportunity for social mobility. Explain how this occurs.
3. Certain groups do not conform with the norms of society. Is non-conformity dangerous or useful to society?

(15 marks)

Section D: Choose ONE of the following titles and write a composition about it of about 250 words.

1. Explain in detail the process which a person follows throughout his/her education.
2.
 - a) What are the role and functions of religion in society?
 - b) Explain how the role and functions of religion are changing through time.
3. Write about the role of the **THREE** main institutions of the State which are responsible for Malta's Constitution.
4. The economic system of a country consists of four different sectors of work.
 - a) Explain in detail each one of these sectors.
 - b) Mention the types of work that fall under each of these sectors.

(25 marks)

Total: 100 marks