

FORM 4

SOCIAL STUDIES (GENERAL)

TIME: 1h 30min

Name: _____

Class: _____

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 in detail:

1. What do you understand by a **dynamic society**? (5 marks)
 2. What is **culture**? Mention **TWO** typical characteristics of Maltese culture. (5 marks)
 3. What do we mean when we say that Malta is becoming **secularised**? (5 marks)
 4. Why is the Constitution of a country considered as its **supreme law**? (5 marks)
 5. What is the **manufacturing sector**? Mention **TWO** industries in this sector. (5 marks)
- 25 marks**

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

The world was hit by the worst economic and financial crisis. Different countries have reacted to this crisis in various ways. Some countries raised the income tax, while others raised the VAT. Some others took drastic measures to raise taxes on property or business, with others freezing wages and salaries or even raising pensionable age.

Malta was also affected by this crisis and, notwithstanding these challenges the country, like many others, continued to work hard to generate more employment where possible. In these circumstances local and foreign investment were perhaps considered as the greatest opportunity that could help Malta to generate more employment. Besides new schemes for the industry, for the self employed and tourism, there was a greater effort so that Malta could provide more training opportunities to various categories of workers. The ETC, in particular, also had an important role to mitigate the situation locally.

1. Why do you think the above extract gives importance to the creation of work in the light of the economic recession? (5 marks)
 2. Mention **FIVE** problems an individual and his family could face due to unemployment. (5 marks)
 3. Unemployment also brings about economic and social problems in a country. Write about **FIVE** of these. (5 marks)
 4. When there is a recession problem everyone has to cooperate, not just the government. Mention **FIVE** duties that a worker has at the place of work. (5 marks)
 5. What are the responsibilities of the employer towards his workers? (5 marks)
 6. In the work context we speak of social partners. Who are these? (5 marks)
 7. Cooperatives are strengthening the idea of democracy at the work place. Discuss. (5 marks)
- 35 marks**

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

1. *Today's family is very different from the traditional one.* Discuss.
2. *Social control cannot be maintained without the use of sanctions.* Comment.
3. *Maltese people have started to give more importance to material things than spiritual things.*
What is your opinion about this?
4. *A democratic society allows for social mobility.* Explain what **social mobility** is and discuss ways in which this can take place.

15 marks

Section D: Choose ONE of the following titles and, in about 200-250 words, write a composition about it.

1. *The First Article of the Maltese Constitution states that "Malta is a democratic republic based on work and on the respect of the fundamental human rights and liberties of the individual".*
 - a) Explain what we mean by a **democratic republic**. (4 marks)
 - b) Explain what we mean by **fundamental rights and liberties**. Give **TWO** examples. (6 marks)
 - c) Discuss why these fundamental rights and liberties of the individual are the basis of democracy. (15 marks)

25 marks
2. *In education, spending is not considered an expense but more of an investment in human resources, especially in youths.* Discuss. **25 marks**
3. *Man is a social creature and was not created to live alone.*
 - a) Which are the needs that bring a person closer to other people? (5 marks)
 - b) We are Maltese, European, Mediterranean and World citizens with all the responsibilities this entails in a world that everyday is becoming more globalised. Write in detail about this. (20 marks)

25 marks