

## 2017 BECE SOCIAL STUDIES 2 SOLUTION

### SOCIAL STUDIES 2

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

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

### 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.

A (EVENT)	
(i)	Formation of the Fante confederation
(ii)	The Yaa Asantewaa war
(iii)	The Sagrenti war
(iv)	The Poll Tax Ordinance

B (YEAR)
1852
1868
1900
1874

[4 marks]

(i) Formation of the Fante Confederation 1868

(ii)	The Yaa Asantewaa war	1900
(iii)	The Sagrenti war	1874
(iv)	The Poll Tax Ordinance	1852

**(b) Outline four causes of the 1948 riots in the Gold Coast. [16 marks]**

(Write an essay of at least **four** paragraphs to state and explain any **four** of these points)

- (i) the Burns Constitution did not satisfy the political aspirations of the Gold Coasters.
- (ii) few African served in the white-dominated civil service
- (iii) African businesses were crippled by the Association of West African Merchants (AWAM)
- (iv) economic slump/depression after the 2nd World War.
- (v) shortage of goods leading to higher prices
- (vi) practice of conditional sales / people forced to buy additional goods they did not need
- (vii) the attack of swollen shoot diseases on cocoa trees and the financial difficulties as a result.
- (viii) the government order to cut down cocoa trees affected by swollen shoots diseases without compensation.
- (ix) the plight of the ex-service men / returnee soldiers
- (x) the shooting of the three ex-service men
- (xi) economy dominated by Syrians and Lebanese nationals
- (xii) rising unemployment

**4. Highlight five ways of ensuring political stability in Ghana. [20 marks]**

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

- (i) tolerance to divergent views / different opinions
- (ii) respecting the views of the minority
- (iii) respecting the fundamental human rights, e.g. freedom of speech, movements, life, etc.
- (iv) freedom of the press
- (v) accountable and transparent governance
- (vi) those in authority accepting constructive criticisms
- (vii) the rule of law / enforcing the law
- (viii) avoiding dictatorship
- (ix) promoting ethnic integration
- (x) avoiding politics of insults
- (xi) probity and accountability
- (xii) inculcating moral values in all members of the society
- (xiii) periodic free and fair election
- (xiv) access to quality education
- (xv) availability of employment opportunities
- (xvi) eradication of poverty
- (xvii) avoiding tribalism / ethnicity
- (xviii) avoiding stereotyping
- (xix) national policy for successive governments to follow

**SECTION C**  
**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
*Answer one question only from this section.*

5. (a) (i) Define *primary production*. [3 marks]

The production / extraction of raw materials from the nature / natural environment.

(ii) List two examples of a primary production industry in Ghana. [2 marks]

(Mention any two of the following)

- (i) fishing
- (ii) mining
- (iii) lumbering
- (iv) quarrying
- (v) salt winning
- (vi) farming
- (vii) hunting
- (viii) gathering fruits and seeds

(b) Identify five problems facing the primary production industries in Ghana [15 marks]

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

- (i) pests / rodents
- (ii) diseases
- (iii) poor road network
- (iv) transportation difficulties
- (v) land tenure system
- (vi) traditional methods of extraction
- (vii) inadequate storage facilities
- (viii) rainfall vagaries / inconsistent rainfall pattern
- (ix) Inadequate credit facilities
- (x) high interest rates on credit facilities
- (xi) inadequate capital
- (xii) lack of ready market / inadequate ready market
- (xiii) price instability
- (xiv) high costs of inputs
- (xv) competition from imported goods
- (xvi) inadequate protection from government policies
- (xvii) inadequate labour

6. (a) (i) Define *discipline*. [3 marks]

Conforming to rules and regulations governing a group of people

(ii) List five acts of indiscipline in the Ghanaian society. [5 marks]

(Mention any two of the following)

- (i) disrespect to people / disobedience / stubbornness
- (ii) gossiping
- (iii) (child) pornography
- (iv) alcoholism / drug abuse
- (v) bribery and corruption
- (vi) cheating / defrauding / cyber fraud
- (vii) rape / defilement
- (viii) careless driving
- (ix) overspeeding
- (x) disregard for environmental rules on sanitation / littering the environment
- (xi) armed robbery
- (xii) insulting attitudes
- (xiii) intolerance
- (xiv) rebellion and illegal demonstration against authorities
- (xv) poor work attitudes/etiquettes, e.g, procrastination
- (xvi) lawlessness, e.g. fighting
- (xvii) examination malpractices
- (xviii) petty thieving
- (xix) pre-marital sex
- (xx) vandalism
- (xxi) gang culture, e.g., bullying, instant justice
- (xxii) truancy / malingering
- (xxiii) non-performance of civic responsibility
- (xxiv) indecent dressing

(b) Identify four reasons that account for indiscipline in the Ghanaian society. [12 marks]

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

- (i) irresponsible parenting
- (ii) influence of media
- (iii) influence of foreign movies and culture
- (iv) unemployment

- (v) poverty
- (vi) peer pressure
- (vii) lack of education / ignorance
- (viii) curiosity and adventure
- (ix) copying unacceptable behaviours of some adults in society
- (x) broken homes
- (xi) pride in practicing acts of delinquency / truancy / streetism
- (xii) the use of drugs and alcoholism
- (xiii) inability to enforce rules against indiscipline by institutions
- (xiv) crave for material possessions
- (xv) breakdown of traditional values and norms
- (xvi) urbanization