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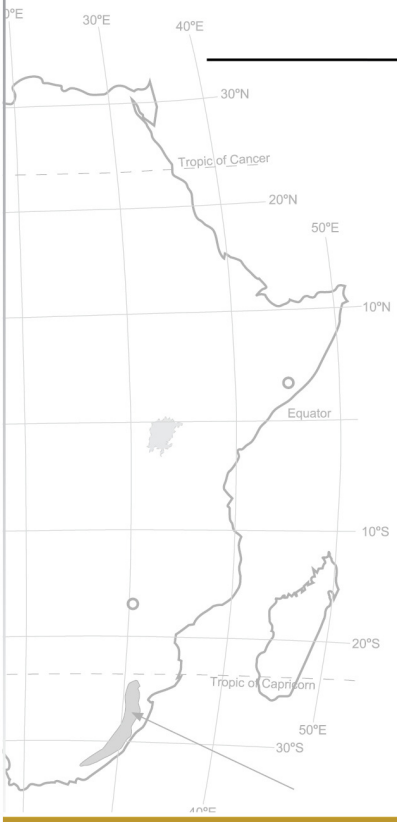

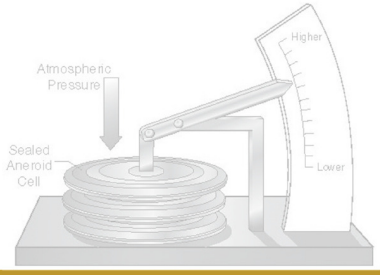

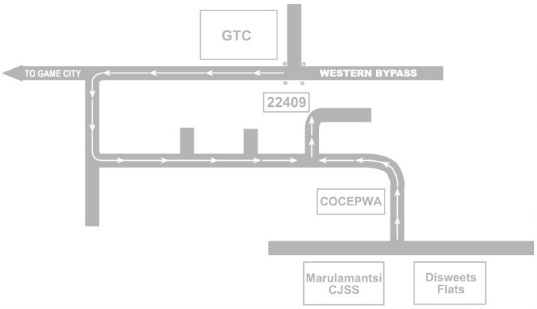

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1. INTRODUCTION

This document is intended to give guidance on how the JCE Social Studies syllabus will be assessed in 2012.

2. ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

For purposes of assessment, the behavioural outcomes of instruction in the prescribed content have been classified into three broad skill areas known as assessment objectives. Brief descriptions of the assessment objectives are given below.

Assessment Objective 1: Knowledge and Understanding

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to recall and understand;

1.1 Social Studies facts and concepts;

1.2 human evolution and Botswana's historical development and their contribution to modern society;

1.3 the importance of using natural, human and economic resources in sustainable ways;

1.4 the importance of civil rights and responsibilities;

1.5 Botswana's social and cultural environments;

1.6 Botswana's political, social, economic and cultural developments.

Assessment Objective 2: Inquiry and Critical thinking Skills

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to;

2.1 interpret and read a map as well as manage information;

2.2 investigate physical, socio-economic and political issues using appropriate research methods.

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Assessment Objective 3: Responsible Citizenship

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to;

3.1 evaluate national principles and nation building policies;

3.2 evaluate Botswana's system of government;

3.3 make judgment about peoples' attitudes towards the environment;

3.4 evaluate the effect that the different economic sectors have on the physical and socio-economic and cultural environments;

3.5 appreciate Botswana's cultural diversity;

3.6 evaluate Botswana's socio-economic and political interactions with the world.

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3. SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

The JCE Social Studies syllabus will be assessed through **two** written papers.

Paper 1	**Multiple Choice Items**		
Time	**1 hour**	**Marks**	**40**
Weighting	**35%**		

This will be a 40 item multiple-choice paper assessing knowledge and understanding of facts and concepts, application of skills and problem solving. Candidates will also be required to demonstrate an understanding of socio-economic and political issues in the global arena. Each item will have four options.

Note: Candidates are allowed to use a calculator in this paper.

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Paper 2	Short-Answer and Structured Items		
Time	**2 hours 15 minutes**	**Marks**	**80**
Weighting	**65%**		

There will be three sections in the paper, that is, Sections **A**, **B** and **C**.

Section A: This section will present **three** structured items of 10 marks each targeting understanding and interpretive skills. Items will be based on stimulus material. Candidates will answer **all** questions. This section will be worth **30 marks**.

Section B: This section will present **three** structured essay items of 10 marks each targeting application, analysis and problem solving. This section will be worth **30 marks.**

Section C: This section will present **one** structured item based on research techniques. This section will be worth **20 marks**.

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