HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

1995

LIFE MANAGEMENT STUDIES

3 UNIT (ADDITIONAL)

Time allowed—One hour and a half
(Plus 5 minutes' reading time)

DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Attempt TWO questions.
- All questions are of equal value.
- Answer each question in a *separate* Writing Booklet.
- You may ask for extra Writing Booklets if you need them.

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QUESTION 1. Families and the Law

EITHER

(a)   Workplace laws and regulations reflect a valuing of family life.

Evaluate this statement in relation to THREE of the following:

- maternity and paternity leave
- compulsory superannuation schemes
- occupational health and safety
- equal employment opportunity
- affirmative action.

OR

(b)   (i)   Identify ONE piece of legislation related to child support or child protection.

(ii)   Describe the purpose of the legislation, and how it is monitored.

(iii)   Critically discuss issues associated with the effectiveness of this legislation.

QUESTION 2. Leadership and Group Dynamics

EITHER

(a)   Leadership is a significant determinant of group effectiveness.

Justify this statement.

OR

(b)   (i)   How may conflict serve as a constructive force as well as a destructive force in organizations?

(ii)   Assess the potential of THREE specific management strategies to minimize destructive aspects of conflict.

QUESTION 3. Management Strategies for Specific Needs

EITHER

(a) You have been asked to do a needs assessment for ONE of the following groups in your local community:

- rural families in crisis
- people with disabilities
- homeless youth.

(i) Outline a research plan to identify the group's needs.

(ii) Justify your choice of research strategies for this particular group.

OR

(b) Select ONE specific group you have studied.

Evaluate how current societal structures affect the ability of individuals in this group to satisfy their needs.

QUESTION 4. Socialization of Children

EITHER

(a)   (i) Analyse the role of play in the socialization process.

(ii) Examine how socio-economic and cultural factors influence the nature of play opportunities.

OR

(b) Critically analyse the factors that contribute to gender-role stereotyping.

QUESTION 5. Work and Politics

EITHER

(a)   Explain, using examples, how changes in the labour market are related to THREE of the following community issues.

- education and training
- welfare
- superannuation
- flexibility in work patterns
- child care.

OR

(b)   Evaluate how political processes, economic policies, and cultural factors influence the nature of work in society.