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DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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Time: 3 hours
Subject: The Teaching Profession and the Development of Professionalism
Marks: 100

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Instructions

**Answer FOUR questions in all.
It is in your best interest to write clearly and legibly.**

QUESTION 1 (25 Marks)

- 1.1 Define the term “profession”. (5)
- 1.2 Briefly explain what is meant by a “professional educator”. (5)
- 1.3 One of the factors that impede the professionalization of teaching is the unrealistic view of the concept “professional autonomy” by student educators and educators. Critically reflect on this statement. (10)
- 1.4 Discuss “dereliction of duty” as a form of misconduct by educators in South Africa. (5)

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QUESTION 2 (25 Marks)

- 2.1 Education is a universal concept with broad objectives. Critically discuss
- i) 3 types of education that can be identified in a particular country (9)
 - ii) 2 aims of education system (6)
 - iii) Principles of education in South Africa after 1994 (10)

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QUESTION 3 (25 Marks)

- 3.1 Describe the support responsibilities of the South African Basic Education system. (5)
- 3.2 Critically evaluate the Code of Professional Ethics for the “educator and the teaching profession” in terms of the South African Council of Educators Act, 31 of 2000. (10)
- 3.3 Based on the objectives of the two major teacher trade unions in South Africa, critically comment on the role they play in terms of ensuring opportunities for professional development for their members. (10)

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QUESTION 4 (25 Marks)

- 4.1 Critically reflect on the influence of colonialism on the particularisation of an education system. (10)
- 4.2 Distinguish between the universal and individual education objectives of an education system. (5)
- 4.3 The bureaucratic nature of school systems is seen as one of the most important barriers towards the professionalisation of teaching. What is your view in this regard? Provide a concise description to explain your view. (10)

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QUESTION 5 (25 Marks)

- 5.1 In light of Van Schalkwyk (1989), describe the influence of the demographic and geographical factors on the particularisation of a country's education system (15)
- 5.2 Briefly describe how schools are financed at local level according to Section 37 (6) of the South African School Act, 84 of 1996. (10)

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