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## SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE

### Question 1

1. One of the inequalities that still exists in the South African higher education is that .....

  - A. Girls are not given the same opportunities as boys in class.
  - B. Teaching and learning is largely done in English, yet South Africa has eleven (11) official languages.
  - C. The poor are made to pay more.
  - D. Blacks are not given the same marks as their White counterparts.

2. Mr Thompson (a White Principal at George Stark primary) punished seven boys who had who had misbehaved at the assembly. What do you think about this?

  - A. Mr Thompson was a racist.
  - B. He was only doing his duty.
  - C. If the children were Whites he would not punish them
  - D. The children deserved the punishment, and the principal was only doing his duty.

3. Miss Lidnell, a Coloured teacher sent a video on social media of how her Foundation Phase class had started the term. The video showed three Black children seated in one desk in a corner and the rest of the Coloured and White children smiling. What would you say about Miss Lidnell?

  - A. She was insensitive to the history and political environment in South Africa
  - B. She hated Black children.
  - C. There was nothing wrong in what she did.
  - D. Her behavior was influenced by her political background.

4. Pragmatists believe that education should .....

  - A. Be equal.
  - B. Be free.
  - C. Should be given only to the rich and powerful.
  - D. Enable us to solve practical problems that affect our lives.

5. Reality is what exists out there, independent of the human mind. Which group of philosophers believe in this?
- A. Idealists
  - B. Pragmatists
  - C. Naturalists
  - D. Realists
6. The root of the word education is.....
- A. curriculum
  - B. Edusat
  - C. Educare
  - D. Love of wisdom
7. Axiology is concerned with the\_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. Nature of knowledge
  - B. Aims of education
  - C. values
  - D. Process of education
8. According to constructivists, the children are----
- 1. Empty sponges ready to absorb information from the teacher.
  - 2. highly organized and systematic
  - 3. highly creative and capable of making sense of their world.
- A. 1&2
  - B. only 1
  - C. 1 &2
  - D. 3

9. According to an idealist, a teacher must be excellent both.....
- A. Financially and physically
  - B. Morally and intellectually
  - C. Physically and morally
  - D. Educationally and financially
10. In naturalism, the teacher act as a.....
- A. guide
  - B. observer
  - C. instructor
  - D. model
11. Idealists argue that..... are the ultimate reality.
- A. ideas
  - B. values
  - C. feelings
  - D. sensation
12. The CAPS curriculum is largely informed by .....
- A. behaviorism
  - B. idealism
  - C. constructivism
  - D. realism
13. This philosophy places the highest priority on students directing their own learning. Learning is self-paced and includes a lot of individual contact with the teacher.
- A. Essentialism
  - B. Progressivism
  - C. Existentialism
  - D. Social Reconstructionism

19. The branch of philosophy which studies the nature of knowledge and how it is acquired is.....

- A. Axiology
- B. Epistemology
- C. sociology
- D. pedagogy

20. In education the term pedagogy refers to.....

- A. Methods of assessment
- B. Learners' performance
- C. Teaching methods
- D. Performance management

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## **SECTION B**

### **Question 2: History of education in South Africa.**

Education is not neutral. Assess this statement using the history of education in South Africa as an example. **(40)**

### **Question 3: Factors influencing Education in South Africa**

Equality in education is not easy to achieve. Use your knowledge of the education system in South Africa to show to what extent the above statement is true or false. **(40)**