

Assessment Schedule – 2013

Social Studies: Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue (91596)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue. Involves using Social Studies concepts to outline the nature of the issue; the diverse points of views, values and perspectives of different individuals /groups; their responses to the issue and the impact of those ideological responses on the issue using specific evidence.</p>	<p>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of ideological responses to an issue. Involves explaining how and /or why the ideologies influence the responses to the issue.</p>	<p>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of ideological responses to an issue. Involves evaluating the extent to which ideological responses have influenced the issue.</p>

Evidence Statement

Achievement	Merit	Excellence
<p>Part A Candidate provides evidence of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes the nature of the issue • Describes the diverse points of views, values, and perspectives of different individuals / groups • Describes different individuals / groups responses to the issue • Describes the impact of those ideological responses on the issue • Incorporates social studies concepts; gives specific evidence. 	<p>Part B Candidate explains how and /or why the ideologies influence the responses to the issue.</p>	<p>Part B Candidate evaluates the extent to which ideological responses have influenced the issue.</p>
<p>Issue: European debt crisis Candidate incorporates Social Studies concepts, and uses specific evidence.</p>		
<p>Sample Evidence</p>		
<p>Describing the nature of the issue could include:</p> <p>The European debt crisis began in late 2009 as a result of rising government debt around the world. The resulting downgrading of that debt indicates reduced confidence in some countries' ability to repay their loans.</p> <p>Some countries, particularly Greece, are in such a bad state financially that they have been unable to make their loan repayments.</p> <p>To prevent this from happening, a rescue package was approved by the EU, Eurozone, and IMF. Since 2010, Greece has received 240 billion euros in bailout money, and 53.5% of Greek debt has been written off, to prevent them defaulting on</p>	<p>Explaining how and /or why the ideologies influence the responses to the issue could include:</p> <p>Rule of the majority, and the belief that citizens should participate in making decisions that affect their lives, is fundamental to the democratic ideology.</p> <p>This ideology influenced Ex-Greek Prime Minister Papandreou's response to the European debt crisis, because he felt that the views of the Greek people needed to be heard in regards to this issue which has significant consequences for their lives.</p> <p>Their views were sought in an election where they voted for the party whose views best aligned with their own. Because a majority vote was not</p>	<p>Evaluating the extent to which ideological responses have influenced the issues could include:</p> <p>The neo-liberal ideology /austerity response has greatly influenced the European debt crisis. The effects of the responses influenced by this ideology have rippled through Europe and across most of the globe.</p> <p>Politicians have made deliberate policy choices to reduce government spending to pay off debt, rather than increase government spending, to stimulate the economy. This has been influenced by Germany.</p> <p>While there have been some positive impacts at an international level, such as Greece being able</p>

<p>their loan and/or leaving the Euro zone.</p> <p>In accepting the bailouts, Greece agreed to implement austerity measures such as tax cuts, and changes to legislation, in an attempt to bring their finances back into balance.</p> <p>While necessary financially, the measures have resulted in a reduced standard of living in Greece, and social and political unrest.</p> <p>Describing the diverse points of views, values and perspectives of different individuals/ groups could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYRIZA party leader Alexis Tsipras has a Socialist/ Left Wing political perspective and says austerity measures have been disastrous for Greece, and the bailout agreement should be torn up. He values social equality and the Greek people’s welfare, which have been significantly impacted by austerity measures. <p>Describing different individuals/groups responses to the issue could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ideological response to the issue is the democratic response of Ex-Greek Prime Minister Papandreou, who announced and held early elections in 2012, to gauge the Greek people’s feelings about the options open to them in regards to defaulting on their loan, accepting the bailout and/or leaving the Eurozone. <p>Describing the impact of those ideological responses on the issue could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of Papandreou’s response, a new government was elected in Greece – New 	<p>gained, and a coalition party was not formed as a result of the first election in 2012, a further election was held shortly afterwards.</p>	<p>to remain in the Eurozone, the impacts on Greece’s citizens in general have been negative.</p> <p>Negative impacts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unemployment levels reaching an unprecedented 25% • significantly reduced pensions • lowered standards of living. <p>These in turn have sparked social unrest with protests by large groups of citizens from countries all over Europe like Spain, Italy, and England.</p> <p>Some of these protests have been nonviolent, but a significant number have resulted in violence and clashes with police.</p> <p>Austerity responses influenced by the neo-liberal ideology have also led to many citizens supporting new – and in some cases extreme – political parties, in the hopes that they might be able to better solve the issue than more mainstream parties.</p> <p>An example of this is the increased number of votes the Neo-Nazi party Golden Dawn received in the second Greek election of 2012, gaining seats in Parliament for the first time.</p> <p>As history has shown, there is the potential for disaster if radical political parties gain power, as happened in the 1930s with the Nazi Party in Germany.</p>
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<p>Democracy – led by Antonis Samaras. New Democracy is a unity coalition that has pledged that Greece will stick with the Euro and respect the 2012 bailout agreements. However, they intend to renegotiate the austerity terms that are making daily life for the average Greek a real struggle.</p>		
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Judgement Statement

Not Achieved		Achievement		Achievement with Merit		Achievement with Excellence	
N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
<p>ONE- TWO of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes the issue describes the ideological response(s) to the issue incorporates social studies concepts describes the points of view, values, and perspectives of different individuals and / or groups within the ideologies describes the impact of the ideological response(s) on the issue. 	<p>THREE-FOUR of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes the issue describes the ideological response(s) to the issue incorporates social studies concepts describes the points of view, values, and perspectives of different individuals and / or groups within the ideologies describes the impact of the ideological response(s) on the issue. 	<p>Candidate gives partial or limited evidence to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the issue describe the ideological response(s) to the issue incorporate social studies concepts describe the points of view, values, and perspectives of different individuals and / or groups within the ideologies describes the impact of the ideological response(s) on the issue. 	<p>Candidate :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes the issue describes the ideological response(s) to the issue incorporates social studies concepts describes the points of view, values, and perspectives of different individuals and / or groups within the ideologies describes the impact of the ideological response(s) on the issue. 	<p>Candidate gives partial or limited explanation of how and / or why the ideologies influence the responses to the issue.</p>	<p>Candidate explains how and / or why the ideologies influence the responses to the issue.</p>	<p>Candidate gives partial or limited evaluation of the extent to which ideological responses have influenced the issues.</p>	<p>Candidate evaluates the extent to which ideological responses have influenced the issues.</p>

N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.