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FIVE-SEMESTER BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SANDWICH) PROGRAMME LEVEL 400, END-OF-FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022

APRIL 28, 2022

SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

SECTION B [60 marks]

Answer any TWO questions from this Section.

- a. Explain the difference between *vertical* and *horizontal* sequencing of subject matter in mathematics. [8 marks]
- b. Amankwa tosses a coin twice. Draw a tree diagram to show all possible outcomes.

[6 marks]

c. From your tree diagram in (b), list the sample space.

[4 marks]

- d. Use your tree diagram in (b) to find the probability of obtaining:
 - i. 2 heads,

[6 marks]

ii. a head or a tail in any order.

[6 marks]

a. Explain the difference between mathematical error and misconception.

[6 marks]

b. Josephine is a Senior High School (SHS 1) student. She performs the following tasks as follows. Identify and explain the root causes of her error and misconception for each task.

i.
$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

[6 marks]

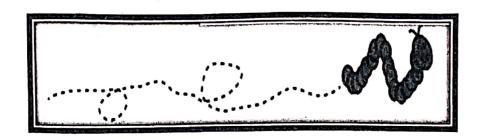
ii. 3x + 5 = 8x

[6 marks]

c. How does the surface area of a square change when the side length is tripled? Show your reasoning by using *algebraic* and *geometric* approaches. [12 marks]

 $(4-6)^{7}$ $a^{2}+a^{2}+b^{3}$ Page 1 of 2

3. A caterpillar is crawling around on a piece of graph paper, as shown below.



- a. If you wish to determine the caterpillar's location on the paper with respect to time, would this location be a function of time? Why or why not? [6 marks]
- b. Illustrate **one** approach you would use to explain the *concept of a function* to Senior High School (SHS1) students without resorting immediately to heavy abstractions or unfamiliar vocabulary.

[6 marks]

c. Explain three misconceptions students commonly have about functions?

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d. Give one example or counterexample you can present to help students confront each of the misconception you stated in 3(c)?

[9 marks]

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