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**SECTION A: Answer ONE question from this section.**

**TAQSIMA A: Wiegħeb mistoqsija WAĦDA minn din it-taqsima.**

- A1 Racism and all forms of discrimination are a threat to democracy and its political process. Discuss this with reference to democratic values and support your discussion by using **TWO** historical events or current affairs that show how combatting discrimination is also a defence of democracy.
- A1 *Ir-razziżmu u kull forma ta' diskriminazzjoni huma theddida għad-demokrazija u l-proċess politiku tagħha. Iddiskuti dan b'referenza għall-valuri demokratiċi u saħħaħ id-diskussjoni tiegħek bl-użu ta' **ŻEWĠ** eżempji storiċi jew minn għajriet kurrenti li juru kif il-ġlieda kontra d-diskriminazzjoni hija wkoll difiża tad-demokrazija.*

**OR/JEW**

- A2 "To survive, democracy needs a minimum of shared truth. With the storming of the Capitol in Washington on 6 January, the US showed us how dangerous it is when millions of citizens are led to deny an important, carefully verified fact – namely, who won the election."

*(Adapted from www.theguardian.com, dated 08/02/2021)*

Discuss how disinformation and fake news have the potential to destabilise democracy. Provide **TWO** examples (historical or contemporary), other than the one provided, to support your discussion.

- A2 *"Sabiex id-demokrazija tibqa' hajja, teħtieġ minimu ta' verità komuni. Bl-attakk fuq il-Capitol f'Washington fis-6 ta' Jannar, l-Istati Uniti wrewna kemm hu perikoluż meta miljuni ta' ċittadini huma mmexxija biex jiċħdu fatt importanti u verifikat b'reqqa, jigiġifieri min rebaħ l-elezzjoni."*

*(Adattat minn www.theguardian.com, data 08/02/2021)*

Iddiskuti kif diżinformazzjoni u aħbarijiet foloz għandhom il-potenzjal li jiddistabbilizzaw id-demokrazija. Agħti **ŻEWĠ** eżempji (storiċi jew kontemporanji), minbarra dak imsemmi, sabiex issostni d-diskussjoni tiegħek.

**OR/JEW**









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**SECTION B: Answer ONE question from this section.**

**TAQSIMA B: Wiegħeb mistoqsija WAHDA minn din it-taqsima.**

B1 Art often depicts religious subjects and themes; however, the message can depart from dogma, sometimes leading to socio-political tensions and potential conflict. With reference to **TWO** works of art, discuss the above statement in the context of artistic values.

B1 *L-arti ta' spiss turi suġġetti u temi reliġjużi; iżda dan il-messaġġ jista' jvarja mid-dogma b'mod li kultant iwassal għal tensjonijiet u kunflitti soċjo-politiċi. B'referenza għal **ŻEWĠ** xogħlijiet tal-arti, iddiskuti din l-istqarrija fil-kuntest tal-valuri artistici.*

**OR/JEW**

B2 "Some visual narratives may also be regarded as histories themselves, recreating the past through images and interpreting it in different ways."

*(Peter Burke, Eyewitnessing, 2001)*

In what way do works of art provide knowledge about the historical era when they were created? What can the viewer learn from these works about the subject matter, historical context and spirit of the time? Support your discussion with the use of **TWO** examples of works of art.

B2 *"Xi narrattivi viżwali jistgħu wkoll jitqiesu bħala storiċi fihom infushom, billi jergħu joħolqu l-imġhoddi permezz ta' immaġini u jinterpretawh b'modi differenti."*

*(Peter Burke, Eyewitnessing, 2001)*

*B'liema mod ix-xogħlijiet artistici jipprovdut għarfien dwar il-perjodu storiku minn fejn originaw? Persuna li qed tosserva dawn ix-xogħlijiet, x'tista' titgħallem dwar is-suġġett, il-kuntest storiku u l-ispirtu ta' dak iż-żmien. Sostni d-diskussjoni tiegħek billi tagħmel użu minn **ŻEWĠ** eżempji ta' xogħlijiet artistici.*

**OR/JEW**

B3 "One of the most fascinating aspects in the production of European art is the way a significant corpus of works was produced with the specific goal to teach and promote moral values."

*(Systems of Knowledge: An Interdisciplinary Approach, 2017)*

Discuss the role of morality in western art, showing how art is used to define human behaviour in terms of good and bad. Illustrate your discussion by referring to **TWO** major works of western art.











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**SECTION C: Answer ONE question from this section.**

**TAQSIMA C: Wieġeb mistoqsija WAĦDA minn din it-taqsima.**

- C1 European countries should strive to achieve a high level of environmental protection. It is recognised that this helps to preserve the quality of life of EU citizens. Explain the relationship between the environment and quality of life. Illustrate by means of **TWO** examples how a high quality natural and urban environment contributes to social wellbeing. In relation to social wellbeing and economic interests, discuss the inter-relationship of politics with the environment.
- C1 *Il-pajjiżi Ewropej għandhom jagħmlu ħilithom biex jiksbu livell għoli ta' ħarsien ambjentali. Huwa magħruf li dan jgħin biex tinzamm il-kwalità tal-ħajja taċ-ċittadini Ewropej. Spjega r-relazzjoni bejn l-ambjent u l-kwalità tal-ħajja. Spjega permezz ta' **ŻEWĠ** eżempji kif l-ambjent naturali u urban ta' kwalità għolja jwassal għall-benesseru soċjali. Fir-rigward tal-benesseru soċjali u l-interessi ekonomiċi, iddiskuti l-interrelazzjoni tal-politika mal-ambjent.*

**OR/JEW**

- C2 "Choosing the path and setting the pace for protecting and managing our environment from now till the next generation is critical for a future which includes our common goods." (Source: era.org.mt)
- What are "common goods"? Differentiate between protecting and managing the environment, and give an example of **each**. Discuss how good governance and a sound national strategy lead to sustainable development. Outline **ONE** local initiative aimed at protecting the environment.
- C2 *"L-Għażla tal-viżjoni għall-ħarsien u l-immaniġġjar tal-ambjent tagħna minn issa sal-ġenerazzjoni li jmiss hija kritika għall-gejjieni li jinkludi l-ġid komuni tagħna." (Sors: era.org.mt)*
- X'inhu "l-ġid komuni"? Iddistingwi bejn il-ħarsien u l-immaniġġjar tal-ambjent, u agħti eżempju ta' **kull wieħed**. Iddiskuti kif governanza tajba u strategija nazzjonali soda iwasslu għall-iżvilupp sostenibbli. Iddeskrivi inizjattiva **WAĦDA** lokali immirata biex tħares l-ambjent.*

**OR/JEW**









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**SECTION D: Answer ONE question from this section.**

**TAQSIMA D: Wiegħeb mistoqsija WAHDA minn din it-taqsima.**

D1 What is the difference between science and pseudoscience? How can one distinguish between scientific claims and pseudoscientific claims? Discuss these issues with reference to **TWO** examples from current affairs.

*D1 X'inhi d-differenza bejn ix-xjenza u l-pseudoxjenza? Kif jista' xi ħadd jagħraf bejn stqarrijiet xjentifiċi u stqarrijiet pseudoxjentifiċi? Iddiskuti dawn it-temi b'referenza għal **ŻEWĠ** eżempji minn għrajjet kurrenti.*

**OR/JEW**

D2 Events after the Second World War led to what some call 'The Information Age'. Identify and describe the technological innovations that spurred this and comment on the impact upon our society today. Your answer must include at least **TWO** examples of such technological innovations.

*D2 Ġrajjet wara t-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija wasslu għal dak li xi wħud jirreferu għaliha bħala l-'Era Informatika'. Identifika u ddeskrivi l-innovazzjonijiet teknoloġiċi li xprunaw dan u kkummenta dwar l-impatt fuq is-soċjetà tagħna llum. It-twegħiba tiegħek trid tinkludi mill-inqas **ŻEWĠ** eżempji ta' innovazzjonijiet teknoloġiċi bħal dawn.*

**OR/JEW**

D3 One of the main principles of scientific research is objectivity. Is scientific research and information value-free and objective? Why are these principles considered fundamental to scientific validity and resulting policymaking?

*D3 Wieħed mil-prinċipji tar-riċerka xjentifika hija l-oġġettività. Ir-riċerka xjentifika u l-informazzjoni xjentifika hija oġġettiva u ħielsa mill-valuri? Għaliex dawn il-prinċipji huma meqjusa bħala fundamentali għall-validità fix-xjenza u l-politika li toħroġ minnha?*





