

# LIFE ORIENTATION

Grade 11

WEEK 7



<b>LESSON: 1</b>	<b>TOPIC: SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY</b>
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## What you will be dealing with:

- Social and Environmental responsibility.
- Participating in a community service that addresses contemporary environmental issues.
- Ways how contemporary environmental issues harm certain sectors of our society.
- Importance of volunteering - to be part of action plans to manage environmental issues.

## Resources:

- Approved textbooks.
- Friends and families that are involved in community services that address environmental issues.
- Pollution of rivers threaten SA water source:
- <https://youtu.be/XMWF0BXhKjk>




**At the end of the lesson you must be able to:**

1. Define concepts relating to environmental issues.
2. Have a clear understanding of community services and volunteerism.
3. Come up with ideas or ways to take part in a community project/service.
4. Using social media to raise awareness during lock down.

1. **Concept and skills:** Study the following definitions. (Note that at least 2 marks are awarded if you can define a term correctly in the examination)

Concept and definition	Are you able to answer the following?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Service:</b> An activity done by people to benefit their communities.</li> <li>• <b>Volunteering:</b> Working on behalf of others without payment for your time and services. Freely giving of your talent, time and effort.</li> <li>• <b>Social issues: Poverty, crime, food security, food production</b></li> <li>• <b>Social Activism:</b> An intentional action with the goal of bringing about social change.</li> <li>• <b>Social Justice:</b> Redressing the situation.</li> <li>• <b>Poverty:</b> Having little money or few possessions, not having enough money to meet basic needs.</li> <li>• <b>Responsible citizen:</b> Has knowledge about his/her role in community, provinces and the world. A responsible citizen has a role in making the world a better place to live (for every component in biosphere). A responsible citizen is change agent that acts out against injustice in social, economic, and environmental sectors.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define the concept environmental issues.</li> <li>2. Explain the link between environmental issues and social issues.</li> <li>3. Why is giving back to your community important?</li> <li>4. Briefly explain volunteerism and state ONE reason why it is important.</li> <li>5. Find one environmental issue and evaluate its success</li> </ol>
<p><b>Do you know:</b> To be a <u>valuable responsible citizen</u> in our democracy, it is necessary and important that you develop the ability to <b>identify, analyze and respond</b> to environmental issues. This would mean you should be able to:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; padding: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em; transform: rotate(-30deg); opacity: 0.7;">Identify problems</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em; transform: rotate(-30deg); opacity: 0.7;">Have the courage to ACT!</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">Being informed about current environmental issues.</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">Understand the historical background to our various environmental issues.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em; transform: rotate(30deg); opacity: 0.7;">Develop action plans to address these issues</p> </div> </div>	

A) Contemporary Environmental issues affect certain sectors of society more than others:



<p><b>The impact on the poor, farmers, rural communities and shack dwellers</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Droughts, water shortage and land degradation</b> – They live in country side and tend to farm, with limited irrigation and rely on natural resources such as rivers, trees, and land for grazing of crops. Land could be degraded from poor farming techniques, soil erosion caused by wind and water.</li> <li><b>Air pollution</b> – The poor who live in or near cities, have limited electricity. They burn wood and coal which causes air pollution.</li> <li><b>Land and Water Pollution</b> - Often areas around them have rubbish dumps so it can affect their health. The poor rely on rivers which often become polluted by sewerage waste.</li> <li><b>Floods and pollution</b> – they live in flimsy shacks in urban areas and are more exposed to floods and to pollution from cooking fires and poor sewage management due to lack of infrastructure.</li> </ol>	 <p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION</p> <p>OVERPOPULATION DEFORESTATION</p> <p>WASTE CLIMATE CHANGE FOSSIL FUELS</p> <p><a href="https://anaseslblog.blogspot.com.es/">HTTPS://ANASESLBLOG.BLOGSPOT.COM.ES/</a></p> <p><b>TAKE ACTION NOW</b> <b>REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE</b></p> <p>This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY-SA-NC</p>
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B) NGO’s which addresses contemporary environmental issues (South Africa)

NGO and their role	Resources and informal tasks
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BirdLife South Africa</b> - Aims to conserve birds, their habitats, and biodiversity using scientifically-based programs.</li> <li><b>Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)</b> - Encouraging people to care for the earth. This means improving the school curriculum through education for sustainable development and providing skills training, creating job opportunities and sustainable livelihoods in local communities.</li> <li><b>Botanical Society of South Africa</b> - Established at Kirstenbosch Gardens, it is especially committed to conservation of a unique wild flower heritage beyond the Gardens through conservation and education programs, projects and initiatives.</li> </ol>	<p>Name THREE international organizations that addresses social and environmental issues?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ol> <p>Name THREE NGO’s in your community that addresses social and environmental issues?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> <li></li> <li></li> </ol>

<p>4. <b>Centre for Environmental Rights</b> - Based in Cape Town, a non-profit organization and law clinic. It's made up of a group of activist lawyers who help South African communities and civil society organizations realize the Constitutional right to a healthy environment by advocating and litigating for environmental justice.</p>	
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C) **Several ways YOU can participate in community service that addresses these issues:**

<p><b>Find project/s that addresses the following and make plans to join or find out more about them in this time of COVID 19. Below are some examples:</b></p>	<p><b>Use of social media to raise awareness. Yes! even during COVID-19 lock down.</b></p>
<p>Community projects that focusses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of our water resources</li> <li>• Reducing inhumane farming methods in food production</li> <li>• Decreasing the impact of degradation on society and environment</li> <li>• Stopping and reducing land pollution</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Promote World Water Day 22 March</b> – Post it on your news feeds (FB/Twitter/IG/WhatsApp etc.)</li> <li>2. <b>Follow the SPCA/ any environmental project on social media</b> – It can act as a news feed for your followers. Post news feeds.</li> <li>3. <b>Promote World Labor day 1 May</b> – Click on the following link or scan the QR code</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.trees.co.za">www.trees.co.za</a></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p><b><u>Be aware:</u> Social media is often used <u>incorrectly</u> to inform the public about an issue (Covid 19) – FAKE news is irresponsible!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Spreading misinformation</a></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

## 2. Assessments/Activities:

An example of a Section B or C type of question:

**Question 3:**

**3.1 Define** the term **responsible citizen** and briefly **explain** TWO ways how you can demonstrate responsible citizenship in terms of protection our environment. (1+2)

- It is a person that tries to make the world a better place to live in for themselves and those around them (✓) This person does not litter (✓) thus keeps the environment clean and picks up any litter they see around them (✓)

**Question 4**

Study the following illustration and quote below and answer the question that follows:



**“With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer.” - Jeanne Segal, Ph.D. and Lawrence Robinson. Last updated: June 2019.**

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| 4.1 | Define the term volunteerism and state THREE benefits of participating in volunteer activities.   | (1+3)       |
| 4.2 | Explain THREE ways in which your school could encourage participation in volunteering activities  | (3x2)       |
| 4.3 | Discuss TWO ways how involvement in community work/project could help you in deciding on a career.  | (2x2)       |
| 4.4 | Recommend TWO ways in which young people could use electronics/social media to promote participation in volunteering activities to address environmental issues. In your answer, also indicate the IMPACT of EACH of these actions. | (2x3)       |
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**4. Consolidation and Values:**

<b>Consolidation</b>	<b>Values</b>
<p>Summary: Understanding the content should enable you to apply the knowledge and skills required to successfully answer questions based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of harmful substances in food, inhumane farming methods, soil erosion, pollution, radiation, floods, fires, lack of infrastructure, depletion of resources and climate change are some of the major <u>environmental challenges</u> facing South Africa every day.</li> <li>• How these challenges impact on people in various communities differently, and that the worst affected by these issues are the poor living in rural areas in developing world.</li> <li>• You should identify and get involved in projects that addresses these issues.</li> <li>• Ultimately, each citizen of our country has a responsibility to be aware of any environmental issues that threaten the well-being of South Africans and to get involved in addressing these issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern for future generations: Do you do what it takes to protect our land for the future generation? Do you show respect to people and our environment?</li> <li>• We need to read food labels to know the nutritional value of the food we consume and what additives/harmful substances it contains.</li> <li>• Self-control, sense of duty and competence: Are you able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge acquired, to complete the informal and formal assessments tasks successfully.</li> </ul>