WASSCE / WAEC RADIO, TELEVISION AND ELECTRONICS WORKS SYLLABUS

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1. PREAMBLE

This examination syllabus evolved from the Senior Secondary School curriculum for Trade Subjects. It is intended to give candidates insight into the world of Radio, Television and Electronics Works; improve their attitude towards the maintenance and repairs of radio, television and electronic equipment and enable them to appreciate the relationship between science and technology.

2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the syllabus is to test the candidates' knowledge and understanding of the following:

- (i) Workshop Safety Rules and Regulations;
- (ii) Basic Electricity;
- (iii) Electronic Tools and Instruments:
- (iv) Electronic Devices and Circuits;
- (v) Electronic Communication Systems;
- (vi) Workshop Practice and Maintenance;
- (vii) Entrepreneurship in Radio, Television and Electronics Works.

3. EXAMINATION SCHEME

This will be three papers, Papers 1, 2 and 3, all of which are to be taken. Papers 1 and 2 shall be composite paper to be taken at one sitting.

- PAPERS 1: Will consist of forty multiple choice questions, all of which are to be answered in 45 minutes for 40 marks.
- PAPER 2: Will consist of six short-structured questions. Candidates will be required to answer any four of them in 1 hour for 60 marks.
- PAPER 3 Will be a practical test of 2 hour duration. It will consist of three skill-based questions out of which candidates will answer two for 90 marks.

A list of materials for the test shall be made available to schools not less than two weeks before the taking of the paper for procurement and relevant preparations for the test to be made.

Alternatively, the Council may consider testing candidates' familiarity with the practical work prescribed in their syllabus in the event that the materials for the actual practical test cannot be acquired. For this test, two compulsory essay

questions will be set. Candidates will be given 2 hours to answer them for 100 marks.

Industrial Attachment:

This should be done by the candidates during the long vacation between their SS II and SS III course. It will be supervised and assessed by their subject teachers. It will carry 10 marks

4. <u>DETAILED SYLLABUS</u>

TOPIC	NOTES
1. Workshop Safety Rules and Regulations	
1.1 Sources and Prevention of Hazards	Concept of safety Sources of hazards Treatments should include electric shock, damp or wet floor, wrong handling of tools, improper workshop dressing, horse play in the workshop
1.2 Safety Checks in Servicing Radio Receiver	Preparation of work areas Capacitor discharges Working on power lines and live circuits Handling of tools
1.3 Safety Precautions in Television Workshop	Power supplies in T.V. Picture tube High voltage section Component rating
2. Basic Electricity	Definition and structure of matter Atomic structure
2.1 Structure of matter	Qualitative treatment only - definition and uses
2.2 Conductors, insulators and semiconductors	Definition, units and symbols of voltage, current and resistance
2.3 Current, voltage and resistance	Laws of attraction and repulsion of charges
	Identification of components by name, type, graphical symbol, value and rating Treatments should include resistors, capacitors,

2.4 Electronic components	inductors, diodes, transformers, transistors, integrated circuit etc
2.5 Resistors and Capacitors	Graphical symbols, types, values and ratings Colour code of resistors and capacitors Comparison between meter measured and colour code values Testing of capacitors Concepts, definitions and calculations
2.6 Kirchhoff's Current and Voltage Laws	Types, graphical symbols and structure Treatments should include testing for diodes and transistor configuration (CC,CE and CB)
2.7 Diodes and Transistors	Graphical symbol of a battery(primary cell and
2.8 Battery	secondary cell) and types Testing of battery Treatments should include difference between wet and dry cells
2.9 Ohm's law	Definition Symbols and relationship between voltage, current and resistance. Resistors in series and parallel Definition, measurement and calculation
2.10 Electric power	Definitions, difference, uses and measurement of d.c. and a.c.
2.11 Direct and Alternating Current 2.12 Alternating waveform	Definition and calculation Treatments should include r.m.s., peak, and average values, frequency and period in an a.c. waveform
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3. Electronic Tools and Instruments3.1 Electronic hand tools	Types and uses Treatments should include screw drivers, diagonal cutters, soldering gun, soldering iron, lead sucker or de- soldering tools, pocket knife, stripper and soldering wick
3.2 Electronic measuring instruments	Identification, uses and operation Treatments should include voltmeter, ammeter, ohmmeter, multi meter Basic a.c. and d.c. circuit, measurements of voltage, current and resistance Ohmmeter for testing semiconductor devices

	Identification of faulty meter
	Identification, uses and operation
3.3 Fault Finding Equipment	Treatments should include oscilloscope, signal tracer, digital frequency counter, logic probe, TV analyzer
4. Electronics Devices and Circuits	Definition
Electronics Devices and Circuits	Definition and application
4.1 Meaning of Electronics and Electronic circuit	Treatments should include types of emission e.g. Thermionic, photoelectric, field and secondary
4.2 Concept of emission and photoelectric devices	Semiconductor theory and types
	Semiconductor diodes
4.3 Semiconductors devices	Treatment should include rectification, principles of operation, characteristics and application
4.4 Power Supply Unit	Principle and operation, schematic diagram Rectification and types Filters Construction of stabilized low d.c. power supply unit
	Operation, construction and uses of Class A, B, C and AB amplifiers
4.5 Amplifiers	Quantitative treatments only
4.6 Resistive, Inductive, Capacitive (RLC) circuits 4.7 Feedback	Concept of feedback Differences between types and their advantages Effect of a positive feedback on amplifiers, bandwidth, noise, gain and distortion
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4.8 Oscillators and Multivibrators	Principle and types of oscillator Construction of a typical oscillator circuit Types of multivibrator Treatments to include astable, bistable and monostable
5. Electronic Communication Systems	Definition and types Block diagram, operation and function of each
S. District Communication Systems	stage
5.1 Electronic Communication Systems	Noise
	Definition and classification

5.2 Electromagnetic spectrum	Propagation of radio waves Radio frequency band- VLF, LF, MF, HF, VHF, UHF,SHF and EHF Application of frequency range in electronic communication – frequency spectrum to be intensified
5.3 Transducer	Definition, types and functions Treatments should include loudspeaker, microphone, video camera, video display unit(cathode ray tube(CRT),Liquid Crystal Display(LCD))
5.4 Modulation and demodulation	Definition, principle of operation and types of modulation AM and FM waveforms and envelopes Percentage of modulation – modulation index and modulation factor
	Meaning and function of carrier wave in radio communication. Definition and types of demodulation
5.5 Radio transmitter and receiver	Function(s) and operation Block diagram and function of each stage Types of radio receivers – Tuned Radio Receiver(TRF), super heterodyne receivers(FM and AM) Advantages and disadvantages of each
	Definition Concept and function of tuner in radio receiver Identification of tuner stage in radio receiver
5.6 Selectivity and sensitivity5.7 Resonant circuit	Definition, types of resonance (series and parallel) Concept of bandwidth and bandwidth ranges Calculation involving frequency ranges to determine bandwidth Treatments should include derivation of the formula for resonant frequency
5 9 Satallita Communication Systems	Elements and types Transmission and reception Antenna
5.8 Satellite Communication Systems	Working principle Block diagram Stages
5.9 Television Transmitter	Principle of scanning

	Video signals
	Principle of FM detection
5.10 Image and Sound Reproduction in TV receiver	
	Concept of Television
	Function and operation
	Application of television system
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5.11 Monochrome Television Receiver	
	Block diagram and function of each stage
	Processing of picture and sound signal
5.12 Principles of operation of Colour Television	Primary colours in television
Receiver	Colour television systems and standards – PAL,
10001.01	SECAM and NTSC
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5.13 Principle of Colour Signal, Transmission and	Colour signal components
Reception	
	Techniques and precautions
6. Workshop Practice and Maintenance	Types of solder
	Types of flux – amber resin and NaCl solutions
6.1 Soldering and Desoldering in Electronic	Types of flux amost resin and react solutions
Circuits	Diamontling and reassambling of newer supply unit
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	in a radio set
	Dismantling and reassembling RF, IF detector
6.2 Electronic Repairs	Stages in a radio receiver set
	AF amplifier circuit
	Installation and maintenance of a car radio set
	Diagnose fault by using fault finding pieces of
	equipment and logical trouble shooting procedure
	Components responsible for faults
6.3 Fault finding and repairs in radio receiver	Remedies for the faults
	Alignment of RF and IF stages of a radio set using
	the necessary equipment and tools
	Use of multimeter
	Treatments should include measurement of the
CA Floring is Man in I	correct value of current, voltage and resistance
6.4 Electronic Measuring Instruments	in active and passive electronic components and
	circuits
	Procedure for TV repairs
	Use of service information manual and circuit
	diagram
6.5 Diagnosis and Panair of Rhack and White TV	
6.5 Diagnosis and Repair of Black and White TV	Identification of symptoms and repair of faults
Receiver	Fault clearing instruments
	Symptoms of faults
	Fault clearing at each stage
	Static and dynamic colour convergence comparison
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6.6 Diagnose and Repair of a Colour Television Receiver	Colour bar generator and signal testing
7. Entrepreneurship in Radio. Television and	Accounting practices
Electronic Works	Cost benefit analysis
	Purchasing method
7.1 Business Management and Finance	Business records(Accounting ledger,
	Repair order form, Inventory sheet)
	Sources of capital e.g. Banks and Credit Unions
	Daily appearance at work
	Customer psychology
	Working relations
7.2 Customer Relations	Telephone courtesy
	Business Opportunities in Radio and TV Work
	Satellite installation
	Electronic specialist
7.3 Business Opportunities in Radio, TV and	Radio and TV consultant
Electronics works	Radio and TV technician
	Sales and Service Craft man
	Antenna and TV installation work

5. LIST OF FACILITIES AND MAJOR EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS REQUIRED

- (1) Screw drivers
- (2) Diagonal cutters
- (3) Soldering gun, iron and lead
- (4) Desoldering tools
- (5) Pocket knife
- (6) Stripper
- (7) Semiconductor diodes
- (8) Digital and analog multimeters
- (9) Loudspeaker, microphone
- (10) Cathode Ray Tube/LCD
- (11) Nose pliers
- (12) Old electronics panel
- (13) Resistors, capacitors, inductors, transistors
- (14) Vero board/breadboard
- (15) D.C. power supplies
- (16) Transformers

- (17) Radio and television sets
- (18) Oscilloscope
- (19) Signal generator
- (20) Magnifying glass
- (21) Pattern generator (TV)