

WASSCE / WAEC LEATHERWORK SYLLABUS

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1. PREAMBLE

A course in Leatherwork, is premised in the art of preparing animal hides and skins into leather (tanning), and using appropriate tools and equipment to produce leather articles, eg. footwear, receptacles and a host of other leather crafts. The study of leatherwork provides pre-vocational training. It is a component of Visual Arts which aims at developing self-esteem, patriotism, cultural awareness, and Pre-technical proficiency of its students. In addition, it equips them to attain vocational and entrepreneurial skills for national development as they go through Senior High School.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objective of the leatherwork examination syllabus are therefore to test:

- (1) examine candidates' knowledge in the theory and practice of leatherwork.
- (2) test their mastery in the use, care and maintenance of leatherwork tools and materials.
- (3) assess their competence in the various leatherwork techniques.
- (4) test students pre-technical proficiency in the handling of both natural and synthetic

leathers.

- (5) examine their ability to cost, price and market leatherwork products.
- (6) to assess their knowledge of career opportunities and entrepreneurial development in the leatherwork industry.
- (7) to test the knowledge of students in appreciating and interpreting leatherworks.

3. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

There will be three papers: Papers 1, 2 and 3. Papers 1 and 2 must be taken at a sitting within 2 hours 50 minutes.

Paper 1: Forty objective questions to be answered within 50 minutes for 40 marks.

Paper 2: Four essay type questions to be answered out of six questions within 2 hours for 60 marks.

Paper 3: will be the project work paper for 100 marks

- (i) **One** practical question out of **two** practical questions is to be executed within six hours a day for 5 days.
- (ii) The question paper will be given to candidates two weeks prior to start of the paper. Preliminary designs/sketches are to be executed in the examination room under the supervision an external examiner within the first day. The designs/sketches must be presented together with the finished work and sent to WAEC.

4. **DETAILED SYLLABUS**

The course in Leatherwork at the Senior High School level of study should include its history, the use of tools and materials in its industry and the production of its tools with items in the environment. The examination will cover all aspects of the teaching syllabus, both the theory and the practical sessions, and shall include the following:

(1) Introduction To Leatherwork:

The meaning of leatherwork, history of leatherwork and the rationale for studying leatherwork.

Classification of the uses of leather.

(2) Leathers and their Uses.

(i) Leather: Characteristics of leather, Types of leather, structure of skin and hide. Chemical composition of leathers source and preparation. Other leather Materials eg. Synthetic, Offcuts.

(ii) Uses: Containers, Body Items, Household items, Religious/Magical items, Industrial items, sports, Defence and protective, Music and Entertainment, Animal Accessories.

(3) Materials, Tools And Equipment

(i) Materials: Definition, Types and Uses.

(ii) Tools and Equipment: Definition, Sources and Preparation. Care, repair and Maintenance

(4) Classification and Uses of leather.

Classification: Hides eg. cattle, equine, deer etc

Skins eg. goat, sheep, reptiles etc.

Kips. eg. rabbit, squirrel, skunk etc.

Uses: Hides use for industrial and heavy items. eg. Industrial belts, boots etc.

Skins use for foot wears, garmets, musical instruments etc.

Kips for fancy goods eg. gloves, headgear etc.

(5) Career Opportunities in Leatherwork

Leather production(tanning)

Leather technician, Leather art/decoration/restoration.

Leather product dealer, Leatherwork tutor.

Dealing in leather accessories, equipment and tools.

Designing and producing leather items eg. cases, bags, shoes etc., Leather upholstery.

(6) Designing

Definition, Elements of Design, Principles of Design.

Design Environment: source of design ideas

Design Process. eg. Computer aided designing, Preliminary design.

(7) Production Of Leather Articles:

Classification of leatherwork

Making of models.

Decorative techniques

Production techniques

Finishing techniques

Care and maintenance of leather articles, Packaging.

- (8) Exhibition Of Products:
Meaning of exhibition, types of exhibition, importance of exhibition, planning of exhibition, preparing for exhibition, mountain exhibition.
- (9) Terminologies In Leatherwork:
Current developments in leatherwork.
- (7) Entrepreneurship Skills
Areas of enterprise in leatherwork, exploring, siting and managing. Avenues for financial and technical support.
Costing, pricing and marketing.