

## WASSCE / WAEC BOOK KEEPING SYLLABUS

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### 1. PREAMBLE

The Book Keeping syllabus is designed to assess the candidates' basic knowledge of business activities and understanding of financial system for the purpose of establishing a business and laying a good foundation for further studies.

### 2. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of this paper is to test candidates:

- (i) Knowledge of basic skills required to start a business;
- (ii) Ability to appreciate the rules and functions of book keeping;
- (iii) Ability to apply the basic knowledge and skills in Book Keeping to modern business activities.

### 3. SCHEME OF THE EXAMINATION

There will be two papers, Papers 1 and 2, both of which a composite paper to be taken at one sitting.

**PAPER 1:** Will consist of forty multiple choice objective questions all of which must be answered in 50 minutes for 40 marks.

**PAPER 2:** Will consist of two sections, Sections A and B as follows:

Section A: Will cover Theory of Book-Keeping and contain four questions. Candidates will be required to answer two for 20 marks.

Section B: Will cover Practice of Book-Keeping and contain five questions. Candidates will be required to answer three for 60 marks.  
The paper will last 2 hours.

### DETAILED SYLLABUS

S/NO	TOPICS	NOTES
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1	Introduction to Book Keeping	1.1 Meaning of Book Keeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- definition, history, nature, importance and functions of Book Keeping;</li><li>- career opportunities and beneficiaries of book</li></ul>
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		<p>keeping;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- qualities and values of book keepers.</li> </ul> <p>1.2 Assets and Liabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- definition, differences, classification and examples of Assets and Liabilities.</li> </ul> <p>1.3 Business Transactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning and types of business transactions;</li> <li>- parties involved in business transactions.</li> </ul> <p>1.4 Classification of Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- personal accounts (debtors and creditors);</li> <li>- Impersonal accounts (real and nominal).</li> </ul> <p>1.5 Source Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- definition, identification, types and uses of source documents.</li> </ul>
2.	Concepts and Conventions	Definition, identification and the differences between concepts and conventions.
3.	Books of Original Entry	Definition, purpose, types, format, uses and preparation of Books of Original entry
4	Ledger and Principles of Double Entry	<p>4.1 Ledger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- definition, classification, format, uses and preparation of ledgers.</li> </ul> <p>4.2 Principles of Double Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning, history, rules and making double entries.</li> </ul>
5.	Cash Book	<p>5.1 Meaning, purpose, description, differences and preparation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- single column;</li> <li>- double column;</li> <li>- three column;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- petty cash book.</li> </ul>
6.	Bank Reconciliation Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning and purpose</li> <li>- terminologies and banking documents</li> <li>- causes of differences between cash book and bank statement balance</li> </ul>
7.	Trial Balance and Errors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning and functions of trial balance;</li> <li>- rules and preparation of trial balance;</li> <li>- meaning, types, classification of errors;</li> <li>- correction of errors and preparation of Suspense Account.</li> </ul>
8.	Financial Statements of Sole Proprietorship	<p>8.1 Trading Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- definition, purpose, format and preparation of simple Trading Account;</li> <li>- methods of valuing stock (FIFO and LIFO).</li> </ul> <p>8.2 Profit and Loss Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- definition, purpose, format and preparation of Profit and Loss Account;</li> </ul> <p>8.3 Balance Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning, content, format and preparation of a simple balance sheet.</li> </ul>
9.	Adjustments to Financial Statements	<p>9.1 Adjustment for prepayments, accruals, depreciation, bad and doubtful debts;</p> <p>9.2 Meaning and methods of depreciation (straight line and reducing balance).</p>
10.	Control Accounts	Meaning and preparation of Sales Ledger and Purchases Ledger Control Accounts.
11.	Single Entry and Incomplete Records	Meaning, limitations and preparation of final accounts from incomplete records
12.	Accounts of Not-For-Profit Making	Purpose, content and preparation of Receipts and Payments Accounts, Income and Expenditure Account.

	organizations	
13.	Manufacturing Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning, purpose and terminologies;</li> <li>- preparation of Manufacturing, Trading, Profit and Loss Accounts.</li> </ul>
14.	Partnership Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning and terms:</li> <li>- partnership deed, drawings, interest on capital, interest on drawings;</li> <li>- preparation of Capital and Current Accounts, Profit and Loss and Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet;</li> <li>- admission of new partners and Goodwill Account.</li> </ul>
15.	Joint Venture Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning and purpose;</li> <li>- differences between joint venture and partnership.</li> </ul>
16.	Departmental and Branch Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- importance and differences;</li> <li>- preparation of Departmental and simple Branch Accounts.</li> </ul>
17.	Introduction to Company Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- formation and terminologies;</li> <li>- preparation of simple financial statements.</li> </ul>
18.	Interpretation of Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purpose and computation of ratios:</li> <li>- net profit margin;</li> <li>- stock turnover;</li> <li>- quick ratio;</li> <li>- acid test ratio;</li> <li>- gross profit margin;</li> <li>- return on capital employed.</li> </ul>
19.	Purchase of Business	Reasons, terminologies and preparation of accounts related to purchase and sale of business.
20.	Consignment Accounts	Terminologies and preparation of simple Consignment Accounts.
21.	Hire Purchase	Meaning and preparation of accounts in the seller's and hirer's books.
22.	Contract Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meaning, purpose and terminologies;</li> </ul>

		- preparation of Contract Accounts.
23.	Cooperative Accounts	Meaning and objectives of cooperative societies.

**NOTE: Emphasis should be on application**

**SUGGESTED READING LIST**

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| 1. Business Accounting Vol.1 and 2                            | F. Wood                   |
| 2. Book-keeping and Accounts (ELBS)                           | Spicer & Peggler          |
| 3. Introduction to Accounting for Business Studies            | F.P. Langley              |
| 4. Accounting I and II  | Jennings                  |
| 5. Essential Financial Accounting for Senior Secondary School | O.A Longe and R.A. Kezeem |

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