

General

"Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn"



ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRIMARY LEVEL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

SUBJECT: STUDENT CAMPS 2021- PEP ABILITY TEST PREPARATION

Dear Colleagues,

As part of our multifaceted approach to support the preparation of our students for the Primary Exit Profile (PEP) examinations, the Curriculum Unit in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) is continuing its efforts to build the capacity of teachers and empower students as they prepare for their exit examination.

Camp Booklets

Student Camp Booklets are now available for use by teachers and students as final examination preparations are put in place. These booklets have been designed to target the skills assessed in the Ability Test using general understandings and transferrable competencies from the National Standards Curriculum (NSC). Hyperlinks to these booklets are given below.

Booklet 1 - Teacher

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zchiuAdNdYDy4dEdpxEEdHxXVITWvyeA/view? <u>usp=sharing</u>

Student -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SSz_EAFiuznjTS0Cprl_Vsil_pwvlgzn/view?usp=sh aring

<u>Booklet 2 – Teacher</u>

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q7zkCbXMlcK6gRlJfooBjs_q7aM3jclr/view?usp =sharing

Student- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SxBLDLVYBwCGG3EZQk_mXQblxgjvw6 jD/view?usp=sharing

Booklet 3 – Teacher

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fjoi-VO6tElblpDKFzAVZWqHC-5P8bHb/view?usp=sharing

Student - https://drive.google.com/file/d/14-8KYM_3NLAry48OG_NXFN9rp5YdpUKE/view?usp=sharing

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Booklet 4 - Teacher - <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bUnqACrhK3DnFx1wQkYOzYxXd-</u> <u>0zCM38/view?usp=sharing</u>

Student

- <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/12VFL8bMCua2LjBrSnq2ecQ0NIDHBQEI4/view?</u> <u>usp=sharing</u>

For maximum reach to our students, camp sessions are facilitated via radio, television and online platforms and are based on targeted activities from the Student Camp Booklets. Camp Lessons will be aired on **Hitz 92 FM**, **Stylz FM**, **Ready TV**, **and One Spot Media** on the date shown below.

Radio & Television Sessions

May 17-21

Note that the radio sessions commenced on **March 8**, **2021** and are aired from 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. (Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays) on **Stylz FM** from 11:00 a.m. (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays) on **Hitz FM** radio stations. The TV sessions commenced April 12, 2021 and are aired on Ready TV, CVM 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on PBCJ on Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **The schedule for the camp sessions will be highlighted in our monthly schedule for Radio and TV lessons.** These schedules are accessible via the online space: educate.gov.jm

MoEYI Online Session

The hyperlink to the online **Ability Test Preparation** session that was streamed on **March 31, 2021** is given below.

Ability Test Preparation Session -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HPywwGqxqEVM4UIJQsd_RmFdoRUACEbP/vie w?usp=sharing

The link is to be placed in the Google Classrooms for the purpose of facilitating intensive support of struggling students. Where schools need support with these intensive support sessions, they may indicate same through their School Supervisory Officers.

Home-School Led Camps for Grade 6

Due to directives regarding the use of home-school teaching arrangements as a response to the escalating COVID-19 situation, schools are encouraged to plan **online** camp sessions using the targeted dates given earlier. All students should be registered for the camp sessions and a record of attendance should also be kept. Schools will be required to provide the relevant information on student attendance and engagement upon request by the Curriculum Unit or their respective Regional Office.

In designing the camp programme, the outline below should be used as a guide:

- 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. Devotion & Guidance & Counselling (Psychosocial *(Emotional Issues)*
- 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Games-Based Learning (Promotes critical thinking/Problem solving)
- 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m. Quantitative Reasoning
- 12:00 noon -1:30 p.m. Verbal Reasoning

Camp Support for Quality Learning

To ensure quality student engagement, Grades 4 and 5 teachers are to be assigned specific roles as a means of supporting the Grade 6 Camps. These roles include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Online Learning Monitors
- (b) Learning Activity Reviewers
- (c) Instructional Feedback Reporters
- (d) Online Learning Motivators

On the days of the Grade 6 Camps, Grades 4 and 5 students should be assigned Performance-Based Learning Activities that will assist in diagnosing areas to be treated during the Grades 4 & 5 Student Assessment Camps. Sample activities for these grades will be made accessible to teachers via the online platform educate.gov.jm and in the form of Learning Kits.

Principals are required to share the dates of these online sessions as well as provide information to access these sessions with their Regional SEOs. This will allow the Curriculum Units, Regional Offices, Literacy and Mathematics Teams to monitor and provide support for these engagements.

PEP Camp Feedback Instrument

This Evaluation Form is to be completed **after** teachers have had Student Camp sessions with their students. The hyperlink is given below.

https://forms.gle/AWE1HhAcggcbuTaA7

Completing the form will help the Ministry to better support you and your students as they prepare to sit the various components of the Primary Exit Profile.

For additional information or queries, please contact your Regional Office or Dr. Francine Taylor-Campbell, Education Officer, Core Curriculum Unit at francine.tcampbell@moey.gov.jm or telephone: 876-922-8707/ 876-948-1989.