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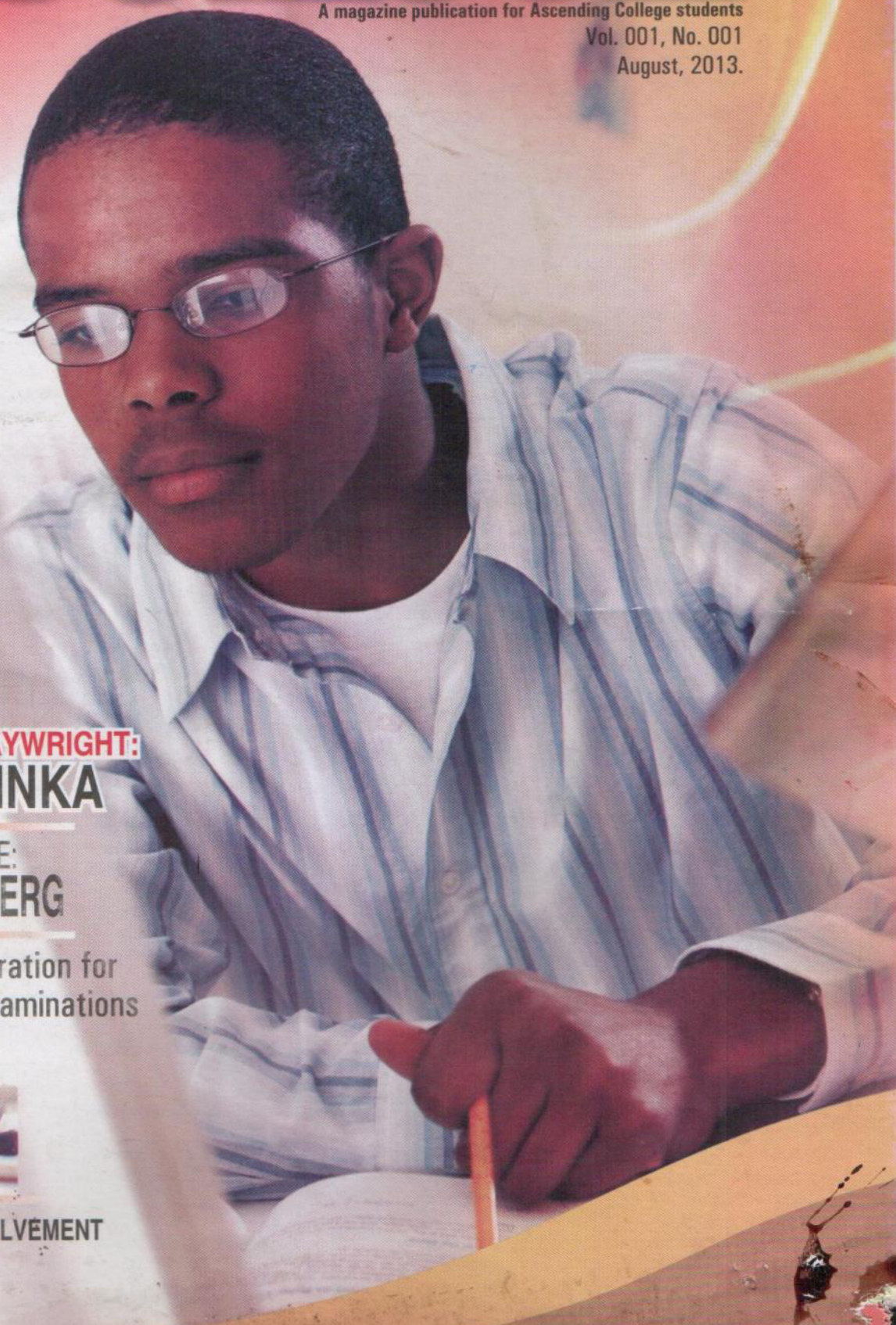
LEARN ABOUT
THE NIGERIAN PLAYWRIGHT:
WOLE SOYINKA

THE HERO OF OUR AGE:
MARK ZUCKERBERG

SCIENCE: Preparation for
and Handling of Examinations



THE DANGER OF INVOLVEMENT
IN SOCIAL VICES



THE PARADOX OF Life

Life, to man is of different parts. It's not good all the time neither is it bad all the time. Life is like our tongue that has three parts: The sweet, bitter and sour. The larger part we get is determined by many factors.

The degree of our bondage lies in our haste for freedom, true freedom involves attention, awareness, discipline, and effort, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them, over and over, in myriads of petty little ways, every day.

"Learning how to think" really means learning how to exercise some control over how and what you think. It means being conscious and

aware enough to choose what you pay attention to and to choose how you construct meaning from experience. Because if you cannot exercise this kind of choice in adult life, you will be totally hosed. Think of the old cliché about "the mind being an excellent servant but a terrible master."

I would like to make it clear, in parenthesis, that you cannot blame your parents for their point of view. There is an expiry date on blaming your parents for steering you in the wrong direction; the moment you are old enough to take the wheel, responsibility lies with you. What is more, you cannot criticize your parents for hoping that you would never experience poverty. They had been poor themselves, and/or have seen the poor, and I quite agree with them that it is not an ennobling experience. Poverty entails fear, and stress, and sometimes depression; it means a thousand petty humiliations and hardships. Climbing out of poverty by your own efforts, that is indeed something on which to pride yourself, but poverty itself is romanticised only by fools.

As you stand on the threshold of what is sometimes called 'real life', I want to extol the crucial importance of imagination.

I have learned to value imagination in a much broader sense. Imagination is not only the uniquely human capacity to envision that which is not, and therefore the fount of all invention and innovation. In its arguably most transformative and revelatory capacity, it is the power that enables us to empathise with humans whose experiences we have never shared.

And many prefer not to exercise their imaginations at all. They choose to remain comfortably within the bounds of their own experience, never troubling to wonder how it would feel to have been born other than they are. They can refuse to hear screams or to peer inside cages; they can close their minds and hearts to any suffering that does not touch them personally; they can refuse to know.

Story about love and loss from Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Computer and of Pixar Animation studios.

I was lucky — I found what I loved to do early in life. I started Apple in my parents' garage when I was 20. We worked hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4000 employees. We had just released our finest creation — the Macintosh — a year earlier, and I had just turned 30. And then I got fired. How can you get fired from a company you started? Well, as Apple grew we hired someone who I thought was very talented to run the company with me, and for the first year or so things went well. But then our visions of the future began to diverge and eventually we had a falling out. When we did, our Board of Directors sided with him. So at 30 I was out. And very publicly out. What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating.

I really didn't know what to do for a few months. I felt that I had let the previous generation of entrepreneurs down — that I had dropped the baton as it was being passed to me. I met with David Packard and Bob Noyce and tried to apologize for screwing up so badly. I was a very public failure, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me — I still loved what I did. The turn of events at Apple had not changed that one bit. I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so I decided to start over.

I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life.

During the next five years, I started a company named NeXT, another company named Pixar, and fell in love with an amazing woman who would become my wife. Pixar went on to create the world's first computer animated feature film, Toy Story, and is now the most successful animation studio in the world. In a remarkable turn of events, Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance. And Laurene and I have a wonderful family together.

I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It was awful tasting medicine, but I guess the patient needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle.

Many times we threaten you and even discipline you, not because we think we are all in all but know this is Ascending is not the gate to success but a 'guide' to success". Note these before I sign out:

1. Know yourself and what you want
2. You must have some kind of vision for your life, even if you don't have a plan.
3. Achievable goals: the first step to self improvement.
4. Find a way to serve and always do the right thing.

Finally, in the mid-1970s, there was a publication called "The Whole Earth Catalog", and then when it had run its course, they put out a final issue. On the back cover of their final issue was a photograph of an early morning country road and beneath it were the words: "Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish." It was their farewell message as they signed off. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish. And I have always wished that for myself. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you.

Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.
Thank you all very much.

Send forth speech delivered by
Mr. James Adeosun
Director, Ascending College

About the Cambridge

University of Cambridge International Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group (formerly known as UCLES), and part of the world-renowned University of Cambridge.

We can provide:

- consultancy services for curriculum and assessment at primary and secondary level
- administration and processing of examination data
- training for ministry staff, teachers and examination administrators
- evaluation
- benchmarking of national standards
- assessment and curriculum using English as the medium of learning
- quality assurance

How Cambridge can help you meet change

Cambridge will support and guide you through the process of transition every step of the way.

We provide assessment and professional support during the transition as well as training for assessment staff, item writers and teachers.

Administrative and technical support during transition is also given, as well as help with benchmarking and maintaining standards. Cambridge has a strong track record in providing consultancy for curriculum and assessment changes to successfully meet education reform programmes.

2013 Commonwealth Essay Competition open for entries

Are you learners interested in writing, development and competing with their peers on an international level? Then They **SHOULD** consider entering the Commonwealth.

Run by the Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883, the Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest and largest schools' international writing competition. Past winners include the Prime Minister of Singapore Mr. Lee Hsien Loong and author and journalist Elspeth Huxley.

For 2013 the competition is being run in partnership with Cambridge University Press and takes the theme 'Opportunity through Enterprise'. Students are invited to explore all manner of enterprise in their submissions, with

topics tailored to junior students (under 14 years old) and senior students (14 to 18 years old). Creativity is encouraged and answers can be submitted in a number of formats, whether that is an essay, a letter or a poem.

The competition is open to nationals or residents of all Commonwealth countries and territories. Prizes include resources for schools, flights to London and certificates.

The closing date is 1 May 2013. For more information go to www.thercs.org/youth/essay



THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY
WATCH OUT FOR 2014 COMPETITION

Cambridge Assessment Scholarships available for postgraduates

Applications open on 1 September 2013 for international students who want to apply for a postgraduate scholarship to the University of Cambridge funded by our parent organization, Cambridge Assessment.

The Cambridge Association Scholarships are offered to Master's students in Education, Linguistics or Advancement Computer Science. Since the program began in 2010 it has supported 34 students from 19 countries.

The 2012/13 Cambridge Assessment Scholars took up their places at the University of Cambridge last October, and come from countries including Canada, Hong Kong, Pakistan and New Zealand. The Cambridge Commonwealth Trust and the Cambridge Overseas Trust, who manage nearly 100 scholarship programmes at the University, welcomed them at a reception at King's College, Cambridge (pictured)

Applicants for the Cambridge Assessment Scholarships should hold, or be about to gain a First-class degree for equivalent from a recognised university. Applications for study in 2014-15 will open 2013. There is no separate application of all sections of the postgraduate application form at www.admin.com.ac.uk/students/gradedmissions/prosper/apply/

The scholarship is available to students of any country outside the European Union and Switzerland. It pays both the tuition fee and College fee at Cambridge. Successful applicants for 2014-15 will be notified by June 2014.



Cambridge Assessment Scholarship from Singapore, Heo Lie with Director, Cambridge International Examinations, Janet Moris, and the Truax Deputy Director, Sue Chiberfield (right)



Cambridge Assessment Scholar from China, Menyun Lie, with Director, Cambridge International Examinations, Janet Moris.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

A Scholarship is a sum of money awarded to a student to help with living expenses, study, or travel. Scholarship opportunities abound for virtually all categories of people, including students who

- Perform very well in various examinations
- Less Privileged
- Are willing to study certain courses such as engineering, medicine, ICT etc
- Are in one tertiary institution
- Belong to any of the common wealth countries.

Scholarship comes in various forms and kinds which include

i. Private Scholarship: Private individual have various endowments for students who have financial challenges. The Counseling units of the various institutions could be contacted. You could also ask questions from people you feel could offer useful information.

ii. Community Organizations:

Town/community/regional organizations.

iii. Corporations: Large corporations such as Shell, Mobil, Chevron, MTN, GLO, TOTAL, LNG, Banks (e.g) First bank, UBA, ADB, etc) offer scholarship for tertiary education. Some of these corporations like LNG select beneficiaries through a rigorous and transparent selection process organized in collaboration with the aptitude test division of WAEC. Others such as the African Development Bank (ADB) use the Cumulative Grade Point Average of the students at the end of the session. Some also call for interview before selection. Some require that you are in a certain area of study.

iv. Merit Scholarships: these are given on the basis of

academic performance without regard for financial need.

v. Institution Based Scholarship: In some institutions, scholarship are given to students who performed well in specific fields. Talented students are also awarded scholarship by some institutions.

vi. Foreign Based Scholarship: There are several foreign based scholarship accessible to school leavers.

A good number of scholarships go unclaimed simply because the targeted beneficiaries do not do anything about accessing them. The following are some of the things that could be done to access available scholarships.

i. Contact your parents' employers: Charity they say begins at home. Let your parents ask the personnel manager of their company if the company offers any form of scholarship for employees' children. Most major companies have such offers.

ii. Professional bodies or organizations related to your discipline: Some organisations offer scholarships to students who are studying what they support. Example is America Medical Reports Association.

iii. Your Institution: Many institutions have scholarship especially for their own students. The Counseling unit of the institution will be of help.

iv. Library: The Librarian or Library staff could be helpful in giving information on various scholarships, places like British Council Library, Information Resources Centre of the United States consulate are good places to go in search of information for scholarship

v. Newspaper: Read the Newspaper daily, check especially the education column for awards and announcements of scholarships.

vi. The Internet: The internet has several websites where information could be sourced for scholarship. Websites:

www.internationalscholarship.com,
www.grant-info.com; www.guaranteed-scholarship.com
<http://education-portal.com/articles/applying>;
www.back2college.com

Someone says "free money is not free". To get the scholarship, you will have to invest a lot of time into searching for it. You must painstakingly seek information, respond by sending applications, transcripts, etc at the appropriate time."

Be informed also that good performance in examinations such as SAT (Scholarship Assessment Test), TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) helps to secure some scholarships in USA. It is good to try your hands on different opportunities available as you may be fortunate to win one.

Even if you do not win, you would have made contact with people and organizations that may be able to assist you at a later time and stage in your career. You will gain a lot of confidence and experience. You are, therefore, advised to make effort and try your hand on some of these available opportunities because if you do not try, you will receive nothing.

NOTHING RISKED, NOTHING GAINED, NOTHING LEARNED.

By: Miss Esther Salisu
 Ascending College Staff



Cambridge International A Level develops 'college-ready' students

The positive impact of Cambridge International A Levels on teaching and learning is backed up by a growing body of research.

Thousands of students get into university each year using Cambridge qualifications. The United States is a top study destination for Cambridge learners with more than 450 universities accepting Cambridge International AS and A Levels, including all Ivy League and Ivy Plus universities.

Our qualifications can help students get ahead in higher education, and this is backed up by a growing body of research on the Cambridge International AS and A Level programme (and its group award, the Cambridge AICE Diploma) in the US.

For our latest study, we explored the impact of Cambridge International AS and A Level on 'college readiness' – in other words, how the qualification helps

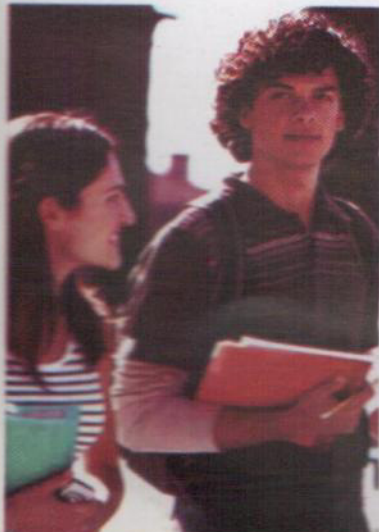
prepare students for university. Career and college readiness is receiving ever greater focus in US high schools, as aspirations rise and government legislation promotes college readiness for all.

Having reviewed the literature on this topic, we identified a number of high school to college transition criteria necessary to measure a student's readiness for college (see below). We then mapped these criteria to the attributes of Cambridge International AS and A Level learners, drawing on the data from previous impact research studies¹, to measure the degree to which the Cambridge International AS and A Level (Cambridge AICE Diploma) programme promotes US college readiness.

What does it take to be college ready?

Our review of the literature on college readiness suggests a number of key factors that help learners make a successful transition to college. There is fairly broad professional agreement that learners need to:

- 1 be ready for an increase in the volume of content and pace of instruction
- 2 be prepared to move from memorisation and mechanical retrieval of factual information to thinking and responding more critically
- 3 have well-developed reading and writing skills
- 4 demonstrate a range of academic skills including research, critical thinking and numeracy skills
- 5 have a range of non-academic skills, including self-management behaviours
- 6 be able to study independently and in diverse groups
- 7 be able to interact successfully with a wide range of faculty, support staff and peers
- 8 be 'college aware' (understanding college values, norms and ways of thinking)
- 9 be able to present, participate in debate and positively engage with critical feedback



THERE IS A CHAMPION IN YOU!

There is a champion in you,
 You may have been thinking that when will this mountain fall
 You may be feeling melancholic and dejected
 You may have been knocked down a couple of times but you have
 not been knocked out
 Life is not easy when you don't have a dream
 Life becomes worthless when you don't live for something
 Life is full of the good, bad and ugly but these things one meant to
 mould you
 Remember there cannot be a gold without fire
 Diamond isn't obtainable without task
 So all you need is to hold your head high and believe in yourself.
 Trust in your abilities, God has bestowed unto you great and
 mighty talents
 He has set you on high but will only discover
 That when you believe:

Ajayi Rebecca O. (Oct/Nov/2012/2013)
 Sec. Schl: Federal Government College, Odogbolu.

"PEDAGOGY"

Gradually we acquire from birth to death, not by nature but
 nurture we learn,
 Once attained forever asset to behold,
 It is the best man can have.

It is proclaimed to be result of colonization,
 From it civilization came to light
 Best legacy they say it is,
 It is the best man can have.

Foundation of success truly it is,
 Difficult it is for man to attain,
 Greater has ordained man to have,
 It is the best man can have.

— **Adesanya Folashade Hafsat.**
 Sec. Schl: Federal Government Girls College, Shagamu

ALL GIFTED

Wonderful place to live,
 Blessed with Pandora creative,
 Lies the Western African beneath:
 Pandora.

Though blacked out scenes,
 But every greeny like the gardens much,
 Perhaps other grass greener than it is:
 Pandora.

Many natural resources; the people peacock live,
 Uplifting the people and uniting the nation
 The nation, black we are but bliss:
 Pandora.

Babatunde Martha,
 Ascending College, May/June, 2012/2013
 Sec. Schl: Federal Government College, Ogbomoshu

"A MUST READ FOR EVERY STUDENTS"

- It is better you take a risk because it is risky if you don't take a risk.
- It is a mistake if you make a mistake, but not a mistake if you repeat it.
- It is not all about the hours you put, it is about what you put in the hours: struggle for success.
- If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm you'll never enjoy the sunshine.
- Don't seek to be known; seek to know so that people will seek to know you.
- Don't just mark time: use time to make your mark
- The fear of misfortune is often greater than misfortune itself.
- Beauty lies nod in the face, neither does true strength in the arm, nor wealth in the fish's belly.
- Every set back is a step up for an unforgettable comes back.
- Yesterdays fighters are today's dictators

Babatunde Martha,
 Ascending College, May/June, 2012/2013
 Sec. Schl: Federal Government College, Ogbomoshu



Riddles, Jokes & Poetry

I THOT U KNEW!

- If swimming is a good exercise to stay FIT, why are whales FAT?
- Why the place in the stadium where people SIT is called STAND?
- Why is it that everybody what to go to HEAVEN but nobody want to DIE?
- Shall I say there is a racial discrimination even in chess at the WHITE piece is moved FIRST?
- In our country, we have FREEDOM OF SPEECH, then why do we have TELEPHONE BILLS?
- If money doesn't grow on TREES, then why do banks have BRANCHES?
- Why doesn't GLUE stick to its BOTTLES/TUBE?
- Why do you still call it a BUILDING, when it already BUILT?
- If it is true that we are here to HELP others what are other HERE for?
- If you aren't supposed to DRINK and DRIVE, why do bars have PACKING lots?

It is funny world we live in

ADELEYE ADEDUNNI O. (Oct/Nov 2012/2013)
 Sec. Schl: Griffiths College, Ikorodu.

THE NEXT GENERATION WILL LEARN THE ALPHABET IN THIS WAY.....

A for Apple, B for Blackberry
 C for Chat, D for Download
 E for Email, F for Facebook
 G for Google, H for Hotmail
 I for I-Pad, J for Java
 K for Kaspersky, L for Laptop
 M for Message, N for Nero
 O for opera, P for Pingin
 Q for Quick time, R for Ram
 S for Server, T for Twitter, U for USB
 V for Vista, W for Windows 7
 X for Xerox, Y for Youtube, Z for Zoosk

JOKES

Did you see that???

Father: I want you to marry a girl of my choice.
 Son: I will choose my own bride
 Father: But the girl is Bill Gates daughter.
 Son: Well, in that case.....Ok.

Next, Father approaches Bill Gates.....

Father: I have a husband for your daughter
 Bill: But my daughter is too young to marry
 Father: But this young man is a vice president of the World Bank
 Bill: Ah, in that case.....Ok!

Finally, Father goes to see the president of the World Bank

Father: I have a young man to be recommended as the vice president

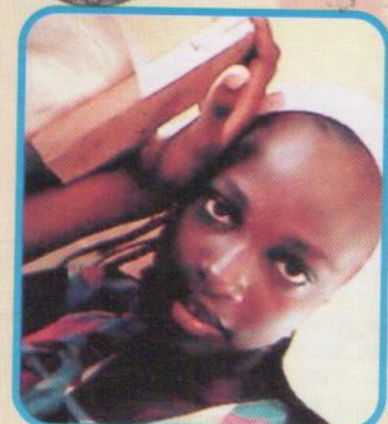
President: But I already have more vice presidents that I need.

Father: But this young man is Bill Gate's son in law.

President: Ah, in that case....ok

THIS IS HOW BUSINESS IS DONE!

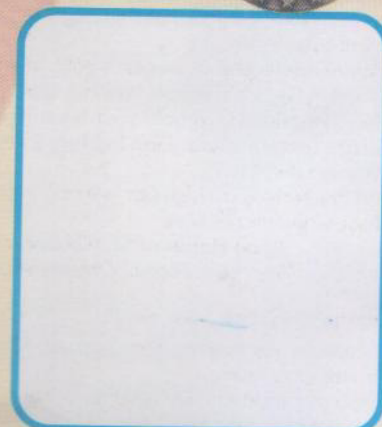
PRIZE WINNERS



Oludowole Faith (Accounting)
FGC Akure,
Accts – A, Bus-Studies – A*,
Econs – A
University of Ilorin.



Dada Taiwo (Medicine& Surgery)
Oladipupo Alayande School of Sciences
Physics – B, Chemistry – A, Biology – A
University of Ibadan.



Kazim Bolaji (Civil Engineering)
Federal Govt. College, Odogbolu:
Maths – B, Physics – A, Chem – A
University of Ibadan.



Okafor Ebuka (Architecture)
Mayflower Secondary School;
Maths – A*, Physics – A, Chem – A,
Obafemi Awolowo University



Afolaranmi Olusegun
(Medicine& Surgery)
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University of Ibadan.



Kareem Tunmise Sodiq
(Mech. Engineering)
Mayflower Secondary School;
Maths – B, Physics – B, Chem – A
Obafemi Awolowo University



Adeoye Opeyemi
Unity School, Ikire;
Physics – A, Chem – A*, Biology – B



Nelson Udeme Abasi Udoudo
Apostolic Faith Sec. School, Abeokuta
Physics – A, Chemistry – A, Biology – C



Akintayo Kolawole
Command Day Sec. School, Ikeja.
Maths – A, Physics – B, Chem – C

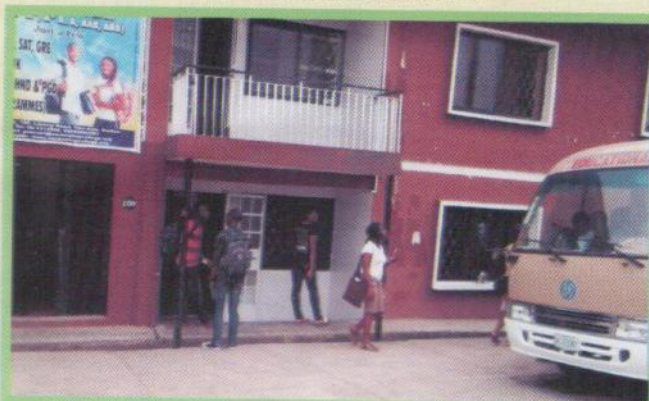
Graduation Ceremony



MD, Prof. Akinsile & Graduands



OCT/NOV 20/2011 GRADUATING STUDENTS



Ascending College Compound



MAY/JUNE 2012/2013 SET BOYS WITH MANAGEMENT STAFF



MAY/JUNE 2012/2013 SET GRADUATING STUDENTS



MAY/JUNE 2012/2013 SET GIRLS WITH MANAGEMENT STAFF

THE DANGER OF INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL VICES

"Show me your friends and I'll tell you who you are"

Social vices, perhaps more than any other form of debauchery ever known in human history, are rife in our contemporary times. The youths nowadays are most affected and taken over by these monsters, which are masked in activities such as prostitution, gambling, drug addition, pornography, immorality, examination malpractice, forgery of certificates, impersonation, bribery, violence, and so on. It is most lugubrious to observe that our society seems not to frown at some of these; however, God does! He condemns rather than condone anything that constitutes a vice rather than a virtue. As a result, there is no vice without its punishment. By providence, severe punitive measures are in place for the recalcitrant. As such, refusal to take heed to

warnings, or sheer neglect of godly counsel, against any form of involvement in social vices, has brought and will still bring many young people into a state of regret, endless sorrow, loss of ambition and of golden opportunities, and even untimely death. He who is often reproved but hardens his neck, shall perish suddenly and that without remedy. Since social vices are human proclivities. How do we describe them? And since there are dangers for getting involved in social vices, how do we depart from practicing them?

Description of Social Vices

As virtue is opposed to vice, so social virtues are opposed to social vices. A vice is moral depravity or corruption, a habitual and usually trivial defect or shortcoming. In the same vein, continued on pg. 11

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION



The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) that is concerned with international public health. It was established on 7th April, 1948, with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and is a member of the United Nations Development Group. Its predecessor, the Health Organization, was an agency of the disbanded League of Nations.

Since its creation, WHO has been responsible for playing a leading role in the eradication of smallpox? Its current priorities includes; the communicable diseases, in particular, HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis; the mitigation of the effects of non-communicable disease; sexual and reproductive health, development and ageing; nutrition, food security and health eating; occupational health; substance abuse; and drive the development of reporting publications and networking. WHO is responsible for the World Health Reports, a leading international publication on health, the worldwide World Health Survey, and World health Day (7th April of every year).

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

Dear friend, we live only once, but once is enough if we do it right. Live your life with class, dignity and pure style so that an exclamation mark rather than a question mark signifies it. So what legacy awaits you, what will your statement be? When you take your final bow, who will you be? How will you enter eternity? Will you just be a foot note in history or will you be a massive billboard that cannot be ignored?

LIBERTY

A desired haven thou art!
Hidden amidst seven hills,
Home away from home >

Your beauty and splendor,
Resides in thy silence and
specialty:
Rejected from family, yet, abode
of productivity.

Thy arms extend ecstasy, insight
and benefit,
Empowering thy love's novice
To admit athletic opulence.

The use of the word "World", rather than "international" emphasizes the truly global nature of what the organization was seeking to achieve. It is the first specialized agency of the United Nations to which every member subscribed.

Andrija Stampar was the Assembly's first president and G. Brock Chisdom was appointed Director General of WHO, having served as Executive Secretary during the planning stage. It is first priorities were to control the spread of malaria, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections and to improve maternal and child health nutrition and environmental hygiene. The logo of the World Health Organization features the Red Arclepius as a symbol of healing. WHO identifies its role as one of six main objectives: providing leadership on matters critical to health and engaging in partnership where joint action is needed; shaping the research agenda and stimulating the generation translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge; setting norms and standards and promoting and monitoring their technical support, catalyzing change and building sustainable institutional capacity and monitoring the health situation and assessing health trends.

Furthermore, it has identified areas

among which funding was distributed and worked with various individuals, states and international organizations for the control of these, which are: communicable diseases, non communicable diseases, morbidity and mortality, socio-economic health risks, harsh government policies in relation to health, broken and unfriendliness amongst member-nations, unawareness by annual WHO celebration the facilitation of global initiatives on health issues, failures of the agency, in-efficient membership, laxity in members of the Assembly and Executive Board, lack of regional offices and country and liaison offices. The agency works with other social control frameworks such as the government of member nations, World Bank, United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), International Monetary Fund (IMF) and many Nongovernmental organizations for the success of all her stipulated budgets. Indeed, the World health Organization plays vital role in the restructuring of the global health system by pioneering and effecting policies that would possibly ensure an 100% health-rate globally.

Culled from: www.who.int.website

Compiled by **Olobayotan Yeni**

FGC, Idoani and **Gbenro Obaoluwa**

Fola Model College, Ibadan.

WORD SEARCH

F	S	O	A	E	Z	M	N	J	I	N	O	U	O	C	E	O	X	O	B
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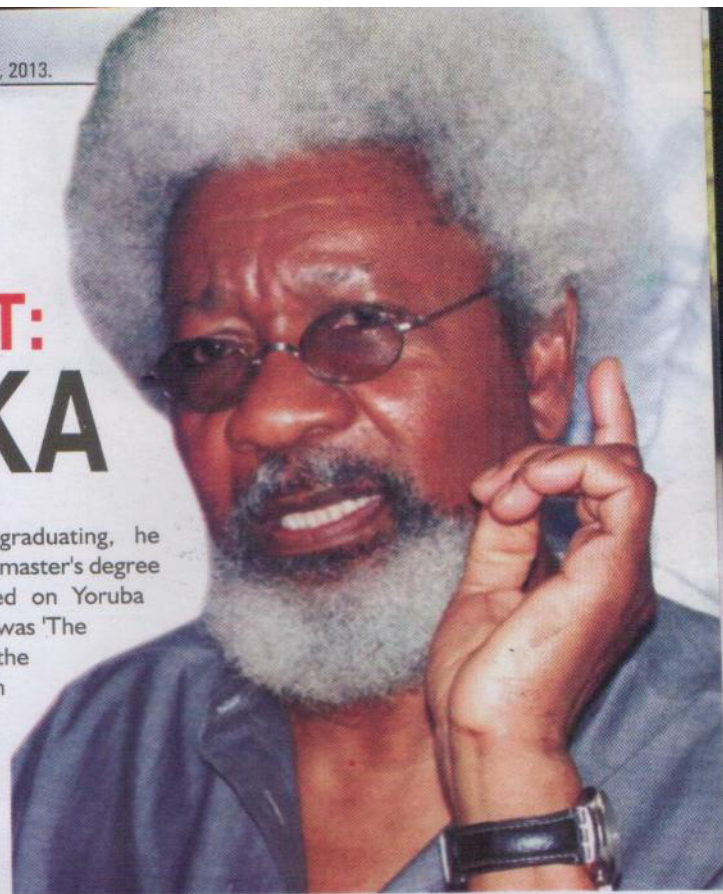
- NILE:** Longest River in the world, stretching north for 6,650km (4,132miles) from East African to the med aria. The Nile has two major tributaries, the white Nile and Blue Nile. The white Nile rises in the great lakes region of central Africa while the Blue Nile start at lake tana in Ethiopia.
- Amazon:** 6,400km (4000miles), this is the 2nd longest river in the world, just slightly shorter than the Nile. Amazon river is the largest river in the world by volume.

LEARN ABOUT THE NIGERIAN PLAYWRIGHT: WOLE SOYINKA

Wole Soyinka was born in July 13th, 1934 in Abeokuta Western Nigeria. Soyinka's mother Grace Eniola was a devoted Anglican, his father Samuel Ayodele Soyinka was a headmaster. Although Soyinka enjoyed participating in Anglican Services, he also made an early identification with Ogun(god). Soyinka's father being an headmaster gave young Soyinka access to books, not only the Bible and English Literature but also classical English Literature. He was a precocious reader who attended St. Peters Primary School and from there he attended Abeokuta Grammar School and won a Scholarship to the Colony's Premier Secondary School. Soyinka distinguished himself from other students by studying, writing and acting in school. After his secondary education, he moved to Lagos and worked in his uncle Pharmacy for two years before entering into the University of Ibadan in 1950 and won a Scholarship to the University of Leads in England. When in England, he encountered petty racism but that didn't stop his

determination. After graduating, he continued to study for a master's degree and wrote books based on Yoruba heritage. His first work was 'The swamp Dwellers and the lion and the Jewel' which was accepted for production by the Royal Court theatre in London.

By 1960, Soyinka joined the English Faculty at the University of Ibadan and formed a theatre company. By 1964, Soyinka forced his way into the Local radio station and substituted a tape of his own for the recorded message prepared by the fraudulent victor of the election and this caused his detention for two months but international publicity led to his acquainted. Following his release he was appointed in the English department of Lagos University. Soyinka was not only a good writer; he was also helped



politically during the military interventions.

Soyinka was imprisoned during the Biafran war because he was suspected but wrote lot of materials to prove his innocence and was released in 1969, after his release he went to live with his friend in the South of France but later returned to Nigeria to head the Dept. of Theatre Art in University of Ibadan but later resigned and went to live in Europe and lectured in Cambridge and other Universities. In 1975, Gowon was disposed and Soyinka returned and became a professor of the University of Ife. Wole Soyinka creativity was expanding in all directions and by 1986, he became the Nobel prize for Literature. Soyinka received his award from the king of Sweden in the ceremony in Stockholm but rather than dwelling in his own work or difficulties of his own country he dedicated his prize to the imprisoned South African Freedom fighter Nelson Mandela and also wrote a book in respect of lion. he dedicated his prize to the imprisoned South African Freedom fighter Nelson Mandela and also wrote a book in respect of lion.

Soyinka later fled to the United State due to some military crisis in Nigeria and since then had resided there and has taught number s of American Universities. What a great man, teaching the white their language in their own country. I feel this is a challenge for all Nigerian Youths, Adults and students

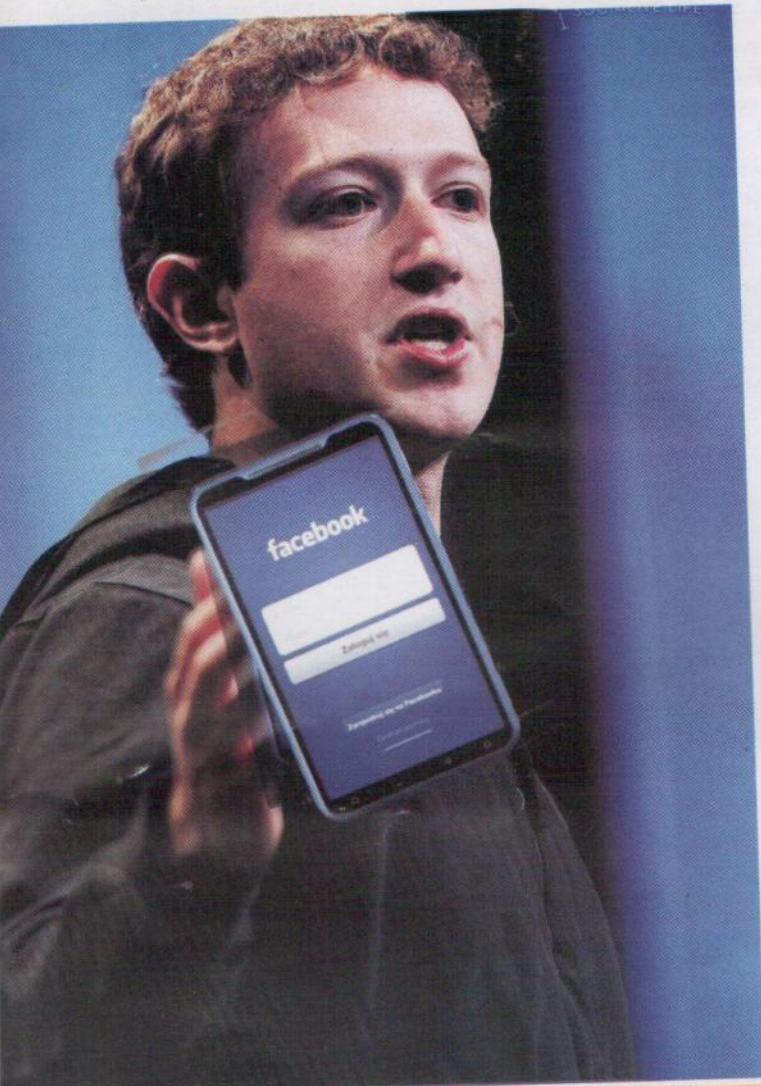
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3. Yangtze River: One of the most important rivers in the world, the Yangtze is the longest river in China, and 3rd longest in the world, 6,300km (3915miles)
4. Danube: It's one of the most important rivers in Europe and the continent second longest river after Volga, 2,850km (1771 miles)
5. Ganges: 2,510km (1,560miles) Ganges originate in western Himalayas in India and drains into the Sunderbans Delta in the bay of Bengaj. It has been considered as a holy river by Hindus.
6. Mekong: 12th longest river in the world with an estimated length of 4,350km
7. Zambezi: 3,450 km (2,200mile) Zambezi river is the 4th longest in Africa.
8. Volga: Longest River in Europe and one of Russia most important rivers 3,645km (2,266miles)
9. Mississippi: 2,320 miles (3,730km) largest river in the United States and North America. It originated from lake Itasca.
10. Sepik: Longest river on the island of New Guinea, 1,126km (700 miles)

NAMES OF RIVERS IN THE WORLD

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| 1. NILE | 9. MISSISSIPPI | 17. YENISEY | 25. ORINOCO |
| 2. AMAZON | 10. SEPIK | 18. PARANA | 26. SAOFRANCISCO |
| 3. YANGTZE | 11. IRTYSH | 19. RHINE | 27. SALWEEN |
| 4. DANUBE | 12. YELLOW | 20. MURRAY | 28. INDUS |
| 5. GANGES | 13. AMIR | 21. MADEIRA | 29. BRAHMAPUTRA |
| 6. MEKONG | 14. LENA | 22. PURUS | 30. CONGO |
| 7. ZAMBEZI | 15. MACKENZIE | 23. RIOGRANDE | |
| 8. VOLGA | 16. NIGER | 24. YUKON | |

THE HERO OF OUR AGE: MARK ZUCKERBERG



American computer programmer and internet entrepreneur Mark Elliot Zuckerberg was born on 14th May, 1984. He is the chairman and chief executive of Facebook, Inc. he is best known as one of five co-founders of the social networking site – facebook. Born and raised in New York State, Zickerberg began writing software as a hobby in middle school, with help from his father and a tutor (who called him a prodigy). He excelled in classic literature and fencing while studying at Phillips Exeter Academy. Later on, he attended Harvard majoring in Computer Science and Psychology. Together with his college mates and fellow Harvard University students: Edvardo Savein, Andrew McCollum, Dustin Maskovite and Chris Hughes, they launched Facebook from their dormitory room. They took Facebook to other campuses nationwide and soon after moved to Palo Alto, California. By 2007, Facebook had made him a billionaire at the age of 23.

Mark is the son of Edward and Karen Zuckerberg, dentist and psychiatrist respectively. He was raised Jewish but describes himself as an atheist. In college, he was known for reciting lines from epic poems such as the Iliad and was made captain of the fencing team. According to him, "the social network emanated from an idea of books called Facebooks which included the names and pictures of everyone who lived in the student dorms for the sole aim of selecting the hottest student through ranking".

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THE DANGER OF INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL VICES

social vices are human activities and endeavours inimical to the well-being of the society. More specifically, they are practices and actions that run contrary to God's law. For instance, wild and corrupting music, body exposing dresses, drug addiction, cultism, hooliganism, pornography, masturbation, incest, rape, prostitution, fornication and so on, all constitute social vices. It is most depressing to discover that our youths are bedeviled with these vices which are promoted in the society through programmes such as reality shows, beauty pageants, soft sell magazines, parties, carnivals, etc. All these programmes generally produce violence, riot, robbery and sensual pleasures. The high level of abortion among youths has also led to the evil of abortion due to unwanted pregnancy. "For your hand are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

It is worthy of note that examination malpractice perhaps more than any other social vice, has spread itself like wildfire. Many students, rather than burn the midnight oil, go in search of 'runs', 'expo', 'ecomog', 'towing', 'microchips', 'magic test', 'desktop publishing', and so on. Some other students fail to prepare for exams because they are sure of compromise on the part of examination officials. It must be noted that since examination malpractice is against the rules and regulations of examination bodies, it is also a sin against God.

Danger In Social Vices

"...Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap"

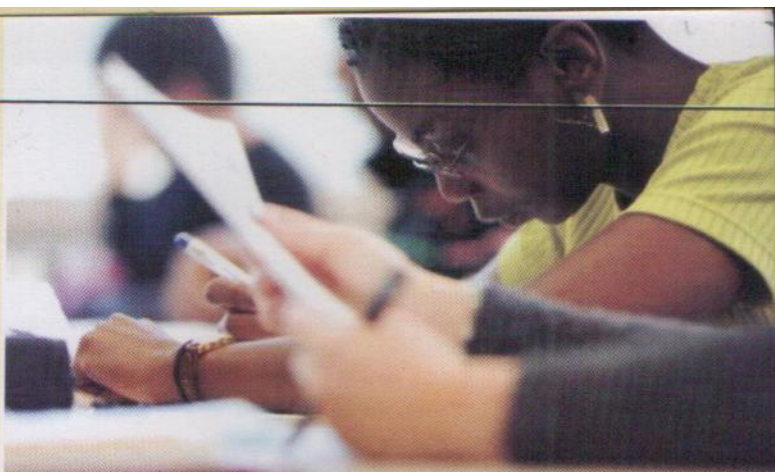
What you sow is what you reap. This is one of the laws of nature. Again, decision determines destiny! Social vice expose whoever indulges in them to the starkness of their aftermath. As such, many youths have lost their lives, ruined their ambitions and derailed from their God-given dreams and career due to their involvement in cultism, the use of hard drugs, wild music and immorality! Families of those who are caught in the web of social vices are not left out of the inherent dangers. Nowadays, there is the danger of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Most dangerous is the loss of any assurance of an eternal abode with God! All youths must be aware of the fact that their body is God's temple, as a result, anyone who destroys that temple, which God himself made, will not go unpunished.

Departing From Social Vices

Every evil begins with the imagination of the thoughts of the heart. What the heart conceives, the other members of the body practice. Therefore, the first crucial step to be taken is giving over and surrendering your heart to God. When you think of God as a friend and not a foe, then, you are on the sure path to escaping the dangers of social vices, and becoming a pillar in society, rather than a caterpillar. The following steps will help you:

- i. Free yourself from all forms of association with social clubs that breed vices
- ii. Forsake all evil suggestions and invitations from people involved in social vices.
- iii. Flee from objects, events and programmes that promote social vices.
- iv. Follow godly counsels and instructions.
- v. Fellowship with like-minded students, who desire to keep their body and life.
- vi. Fulfill God's will and plan for your life.
- vii. Fight against social vices by making your conviction known with courage.

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SCIENCE: Preparation for and Handling of Examinations

The concept 'Science' is derived from the Latin root 'Scientia', meaning 'knowledge'. In a broad sense, it is a systematic endeavour that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe. Inversely, science aims at explaining and understanding nature through the search for, and the discovery of, the truths about the world around us. When these truths are discovered and learned, they would help in the development of new technologies and in the improvement of everyday life. High school subjects, such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Natural Science, Technical Drawing and so on, all constitute science subjects. However, science students are expected to be good at solving Mathematical questions because Mathematics is the chief language of science.

Acquisition of scientific knowledge involves the following fundamental activities; hypothesis, observation, experimentation to test hypothesis, communication of findings. In other words, a science student must develop a variety of skills, such as ability to classify things, formulate hypothesis and carry out experiments. Interestingly, carrying out experiments (otherwise known as 'practicals') involves a number of things – design, observation, measurement, recording of results, assessment of uncertainties, analysis as well as explanation of results. What is the pattern of science-based examination questions? How should science students prepare for science examination? What are the tips for handling science-based examinations? Let's briefly examine each of these questions.

Pattern of Examination Questions in the Sciences.

Science operates on a biaxial level: it includes both the theory and the practical. As such, examinations in the sciences test both theoretical and practical knowledge. While theory examination questions are sometimes made up of multiple choice questions (also known as objectives) and essay questions, practical questions depend on the particular science subject. Theories, in sciences, are better understood by observation in the laboratory. In a nutshell, a science student must attend practical (laboratory) classes regularly, personally perform all experiments and seek to understand the phenomena behind the experiments.

Preparation for Examinations in the Sciences:

'Proper Preparation', they say, 'prevents' poor performance; inversely, 'Improper preparation promotes poor performance' The place of proper preparation before embarking on any would-be –successful project cannot be overemphasized.

The following guidelines will be of utmost benefit to any science student;

- i. Start studying for the exam well ahead of time.
- ii. Write notes in every class you take, and review your notes regularly.
- iii. Plan your study sessions. Allot more time for more difficult subjects; study for the hardest subject at your best performing time of the day.
- iv. Learn to reduce your notes to outlines. Then, to keywords. Memorize the keywords and formulae.

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- v. It is not enough to read and review, as a science student, you must learn by 'doing'. Attempt solving Mathematical questions, practice drawing some diagrams, etc.
- vi. Apply the concepts you have learned to solving problems.
- vii. Learn to use visual cues, that is, the ability to read diagrams, charts, graphs and legends, in order to obtain key information.
- viii. Take every experiment you perform in the laboratory seriously. Hands-on knowledge of the scientific process makes examinations easy.
- ix. Get together with your friends taking the same science subjects and form a study group. Then, assign a series of chapters to each person, quiz one another based on these chapter. Use your study group as an oral practice run for your exam.
- x. Tackle difficult topics/questions with confidence, by completing one step of a difficult task, you encourage yourself to tackle the next step.

Handling Examinations in the Sciences.

In handling examinations in the sciences, take note of the following:

(i) Before tackling any question, take a few minutes to study the questions and identify the expectation of the examiner (ii) Note the required concept, formulae, definitions, diagrams and additional information. (iii) Read the instructions carefully. Understand what is being asked. Underline or circle important information in the question (iv) Jot down some relevant points and formulae. Where necessary, draw a diagram, graph, etc. (v) Analyze and solve the problems one step at a time. Start each question on a fresh page. Write legibly (vi) After you have answered the questions, review your answers for correctness and amend mistakes (vii) In case of objective questions, try to answer the questions mentally before looking at the choices. Beware of words like not and except because they indicate limits, (viii) Look for hints in other questions and their available answers, (ix) Remember to include the appropriate unit in your answer-such as units of areas, volumes, temperature, time, pressure etc. (x) Be very careful with symbols, signs and numbers (especially decimal parts). Negative sign in place of positive can change a whole answer.

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If you know these things, you'd be happy if you do them

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9. TRACK RECORD: We have an impressive track record. We, however, stress that success is an individual thing: it requires the input of the student too.

10. A NETWORK OF FOCUSED STUDENTS: At Ascending College, we concentrate strictly on

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