The Ministry of Education announces some changes in the <u>Uganda Nation Examinations Board UNEB</u> new curriculum established last year. Changes made are especially for Lower secondary students. As a result, the adjustment are as follows:

- 1. Examinations should be given at end of year/class.
- 2. Secondly, terminal examinations are no longer considered.
- 3. "Objective", "questions" have been phased out.
- 4. Students should produce a fill report after the real field work.
- 5. Fieldwork studies are school-based.
- 6. Teaching should be learner-centered and not teacher-centered.
- 7. Formative assessment contributes 20% and summative assessment 80%.
- 8. Senior one are to do 12 subjects one been elective and 11 compulsory.
- 9. In Geography, "Rhineland's, North America" has been phased.
- 10. Also, there will be 2 Physics and Chemistry papers.
- 11. A candidate's performance on examination shall be assigned a grade on a grade 7 point-scale. From grade 1(the highest) to grade 7 (the lowest) or ungraded (U).
- 12. History has 2 papers: Paper 1: Historical and Political Education East Africa since 1000 A.D (Time 2hrs). 2 sections A (East Africa history) and B (Historical and Political Education). Each section having 5 questions and student should choose 2 from each of them. Paper 2: Historical and Political Education outside East Africa since 1000 A.D. It comprises 8 essay questions.
- 13. Next, the <u>UCE</u> changes to Uganda Certificate for Lower Secondary Education (UCLSE).
- 14. General Science is only for students with special needs. especially for learners who are unable to study science subjects.
- 15. The Examination papers reduces in all subjects.
- 16. Agriculture as a topic has also been phased out from Geography.
- 17. Last but not the least, terminal exams changed to activity of integration.

Subjects of the New Lower Secondary ('O') Level Curriculum.

Senior 1- Senior 2 (11 Compulsory plus 1 Elective).

Senior 3 – Senior 4 (7 compulsory plus 2 Electives).

Practical (Prevocational elective) Subjects: Agriculture, Entrepreneurship, Art and Design, ICT, Nutrition and Food Technology, Performing Arts, Technology and Design and Physical Education.

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