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MINISTERI NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA  
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MEMORANDUM  
No. 222; s. 1979

PREPARING PROSPECTIVE NCEE EXAMINEES (BOTH IN-SCHOOL  
AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL) ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE  
1979 NCEE ANSWER SHEET

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges  
and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges  
and Universities

1. The Optical Scanner will be used to read and score the forthcoming 1979 National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) to be administered on November 11, 1979. This machine is capable of reading marks for responses made on a special answer sheet. The marks (answers) are recorded by completely blackening circles with the use of a No. 2 or softer lead pencil only (NOT with a ballpen). For example, if the chosen answer for Item 1 below is 3, the recorded answer will appear thus:

Item 1)    1    2    3    4    5  
          ○    ○    ●    ○    ○

2. To reinforce the just concluded regional orientation seminars conducted throughout the country from August 16 to 31, and to familiarize students, particularly fourth year students and high school graduates who will take the NCEE, with this mode of recording the answers, high school principals should encourage their teachers to improvise and use similar answer sheets for their classroom examinations. The experience gained by the students with this method will help them use properly the new NCEE Answer Sheet during examination day.

3. The distribution of some 600,000 NCEE Practice Answer Sheets and copies of the Student's Descriptive Questionnaire (SDQ) for the students' orientation will be undertaken by the National Educational Testing Center starting on September 7, 1979. These will be sent directly to the schools division superintendents to avoid delay in the shipment. The SDQ is incorporated as Part 1 in the actual Test Booklet. However, it is not a part of the test proper.







The students' orientation in accomplishing it correctly together with the Practice Answer Sheets will greatly help in eliminating misunderstanding of instructions during the examination. The exercise will familiarize the students with the various information asked for and with the appropriate responses needed; hence, it will facilitate their answering the same questions in Part I of the Test Booklet on examination day. Every fourth year student and high school graduate who registered for the 1979 NCEE will be given a Practice Answer Sheet.

4. In order to assist institutions of higher learning to choose their students wisely through the use of NCEE results, there will be separate percentile ranking of students by individual institutions. It is, therefore, necessary that students indicate the code number of the institution of higher learning where they intend to enroll in. In this connection, copies of the updated college/university code list will be distributed. Moreover guidance coordinators/teachers are enjoined to furnish the students with the code of the college/university they will enroll in.

5. Strict compliance with and immediate dissemination of this Order are desired.

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References:

MEC Memorandums: Nos. 153 and 169, s. 1979

Attachment: 1-2-3-4--(D.C. 1-76)

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