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1983 POPULATION QUIZ SHOW

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. The Commission on Population (POPCOM) jointly with the Population Education Program (PEP) Unit of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (MECS), the MECS Regional Offices (MECSROs) and the Population Center Foundation (PCF), is holding the 1983 Population Quiz Show (POPQUIZ) from July to November. The quiz show, a series of nationwide contests on the national population program, population issues and current events is open to any duly recognized general/vocational high school in the Philippines, both public and private.
2. The Regional Population Offices (RPOs) of POPCOM will enter into contract with their respective MECSROs on the implementation of the POPQUIZ at the field level (school to regional). POPCOM Central will enter into contract with MECS-NCR for the implementation of POPQUIZ in Metro Manila. Project costs will be secured from the RPO regional IEC funds, and from IEC-Central funds in the case of NCR.
3. The guidelines for the 1983 POPQUIZ which includes its objectives, management, selection of contestants, time frame and contest mechanics, among other things, is inclosed. It is suggested that the MECSROs discuss these guidelines thoroughly with their respective POPCOM regional supervising information officers to ensure the proper and smooth implementation of the POPQUIZ. Staff members from the PEP will visit the regions to give further orientation on the conduct of said quiz show.
4. It is desired that the contents of this Memorandum be given wide publicity to ensure the nomination of contestants from as many secondary public and private schools as possible, and disseminated to all concerned for their information and guidance.

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Minister







Incl.:

As stated

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Ministry of Social Services and Development  
COMMISSION ON POPULATION  
Manila

GUIDELINES FOR THE POPULATION QUIZ SHOW

I. Project Concept

The Commission on Population conceived the Population Quiz Show (POPQUIZ) as a nationwide contest which seeks to foster public consciousness of the importance of the national population program and inform the public of population issues and current events. Specifically, it aims:

1. to generate awareness of population and development issues among the youth, influential community members and the general public;
2. to develop positive values and better understanding of the national population program;
3. to strengthen the Population Education Program (PEP) implemented by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (MECS);
4. to disseminate information on population and family planning current events, issues, new technology and development; and
5. to eventually promote acceptance of the concept and practice of family planning.

II. Project Strategy

The Commission on Population through IEC Central sets the POPQUIZ concept and design in alignment with the thrusts and objectives of the population program. It formulates the guidelines and procedures for the conduct of the contest, and coordinates project implementation.

The Regional Population Offices (RPOs) shall coordinate regionwide nomination and series of eliminations to identify the regional contestant for the national championship which, in turn, shall be coordinated by IEC Central.

The POPQUIZ is a school based project and as such the lead implementing agency shall be the MECS, particularly through its PEP Unit.







The Regional Population Offices (RPOs) of POPCOM will enter into contract with their respective MECEROs on the implementation of the POPQUIZ at the field level (school to regional), POPCOM-Central will enter into contract with MECO-NCR for the implementation of POPQUIZ in Metro Manila. Project costs will be secured from the RPO regional IEC funds, and from IEC Central funds in the case of NCR.

Other agencies, public or private, especially partner and participating agencies of the population program; youth organizations; civic clubs and organizations; individuals whose talent, skill and expertise facilitate the conduct of the project and others may be tapped as co-implementors of the POPQUIZ.

### III. Selection of Contestants

#### A. Nominations

The POPQUIZ is open only to members of the graduating class of any duly recognized general or vocational high school in the Philippines, both public and private. One (1) qualified contestant shall be nominated from among the top five students based on scholastic records of third year high school.

Employees of the Commission on Population and the Population Center Foundation whether regular, temporary or contractual, and their relatives to the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified as contestants.

The high school nominating a contestant shall select an official and alternate coach from among its faculty members.

Each nomination must be accompanied by:

1. The certification of the contestant signed by the school principal or administrator.
2. The certification of parental consent signed by either one of his/her parents.

Failure to submit these two documents shall automatically disqualify a contestant. Certification forms shall be provided by the POPCOM-RPOs for the regional POPQUIZ and POPCOM-IEC Central for the NCR POPQUIZ.

These two (2) documents shall be presented at each succeeding level of the POPQUIZ that the contestant and coach are able to win.









## B. Eliminations

### 1. City Level

The city level of the population quiz show shall be conducted as an inter-school competition. The contestant who garners the highest score shall be named as the city contestant, and elevated to the regional POPQUIZ.

### 2. Province Level

The province shall be divided into at least four (-) zones. Eliminations shall be held in each zone and the contestant who garners the highest score will be named as the zone contestant.

The zone contestants, in turn, shall compete in the provincial POPQUIZ and the one who gets the highest score shall be named as the provincial contestant, and elevated to the regional POPQUIZ.

However, inter school competition shall be followed for islands or provinces whose number of high schools is small enough to make one contest practical and economical (e.g. Camiguin Province, Sorsogon Province, Siquijor Island, etc.).

In cases where an island or an isolated area has only one high school, an elimination contest shall be held among the top five students of the graduating class, based on scholastic records of third year high school. The top scorer shall automatically qualify as contestant to the provincial POPQUIZ.

### 3. Regional Level

The provincial and the city contestants shall compete in the regional population quiz show. Three (3) winners shall be declared first, second, and third prize winners. The first prize winner shall be named as the regional contestant and shall represent the region in the national championship.

### 4. Runners-Up

In the event that the top scorer in any of the above mentioned levels becomes incapable to participate in the next higher contest level, the runners up shall take his place in sequential order of succession.







### C. National Championship

The regional contestants shall compete in the national championship of the population quiz show, to be held in Metro Manila within the National Population and Family Planning Week celebrated in November each year.

A national champion shall be proclaimed together with a first runner-up and a second runner-up.

### IV. Time Frame

Groundwork and coordination activities start in January until June. The nomination of contestants opens in July. Henceforth, the population quiz show proceeds to its various contest levels until the regional contestant is selected not later than October 15.

The POPQUIZ culminates in the national championship set in November, where the regional contestants from Regions I to XII and the National Capital Region (NCR) shall compete.

### V. Formulation of Questions

The subject areas to be used as basis for formulating the questions for the population quiz show are:

- A. The Philippine Population Program, to include:
  1. population program thrusts, objectives and strategies
  2. partner and participating agencies
  3. population concepts and messages
  4. family planning methods/techniques
- B. The Population Education Program, to include:
  1. population dynamics and demography
  2. human sexuality
- C. Population and family planning, current issues and events, new technology and developments

The RPO shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the city, provincial, and regional levels. IEC Central shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the national championship.

In formulating the questions-and-answers the RPO and IEC Central may engage the technical assistance of its implementors of POPQUIZ, except the MECS and the outreach structure.

MECS shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the school and zone levels.









## VI. Contest Rules

1. English shall be the official language for the set of questions and answers in the quiz.
2. Coaching in any form is strictly prohibited during the actual quiz proceedings.
3. Coaches and chaperones must keep away from their contestants during the actual quiz proceedings.
4. Contestants shall be provided with pen, and forms or sheets on which to write down their answers.
5. Each question will be read twice by the quizmaster. Countdown of time during which questions shall be answered, will start after a question has been read twice.
6. Contestants will be given a maximum of ten (10) seconds to answer a question. However, questions which require only "true" or "false" and "yes" or "no", as well as multiple choice questions, shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) seconds only.

Each correct complete answer in the quiz proper shall be given one (1) point. However, tie-breaker questions shall have individual value points (e.g. tie-breaker # 1 gives 2 points, tie-breaker # 2 gives 3 points, etc.).

No points shall be given to partially correct answers.

No anonymous or abbreviations except those specifically asked for, will be allowed. Only full names or titles will be allowed unless otherwise indicated in the question. Middle initial may or may not be included in full names of persons.

## VII. Contest Mechanics

1. A Board of Consultants shall be organized well ahead of the actual quiz proceedings. It shall be composed of a maximum of five (5) consultants including the chairman. The consultants shall be from public or private agencies involved in the population program. They shall render decisions related to the quiz proceedings.

Decisions of the Board of Consultants are final.

2. The quizmaster shall ask a minimum of twelve (12) questions.
3. Questions shall be specifically framed and, as much as possible, be categorical so as to require one (1) specific and categorical answer.







4. Should a contestant wish to change his answer to any particular question, this answer should be crossed out and the new answer written clearly. A contestant is allowed to change his answer only within the allotted time to answer the particular question.
5. Three (3) winners shall be proclaimed at the regional and the national level of POPQUIZ: first, second, and third. Cumulative scoring shall be followed. The contestant who gets the highest total score points will be declared first prize winner; the one who gets the second highest total score points will be declared second prize winner; and so on for the third prize winner.

At national level, these three winners shall be proclaimed respectively as the national champion; the first runner-up; and the second runner-up.

6. All ties for the first, second, and third place shall be broken by a set of tie-breaker questions.

For first place, the tie-breaker set shall be composed of five (5) questions with value points corresponding to the degree of difficulty of the question. Thus:

- Tie-breaker # 1 = 3 points
- Tie-breaker # 2 = 4 points
- Tie-breaker # 3 = 3 points
- Tie-breaker # 4 = 4 points
- Tie-breaker # 5 = 3 points

The contestant who gets the highest cumulative score shall be adjudged the winner. However, if the tie remains unbroken, tie-breaker question # 6 shall be asked. The question shall be an enumeration type, with one (1) point given for each correct item in the answer. The contestant who gets the highest score points shall be declared the winner.

For second place and third place ties, the tie-breaker set shall be composed of three (3) questions. If the tie remains unbroken, an enumeration type question shall be asked. Scoring and value points shall be the same as above.

If the tie still remains unbroken after the tie breaker set of questions, the Board of Consultants shall decide whether to continue the quiz until the tie is broken, or to declare two or more winners as the case may be. However, ties for the first place at the regional POPQUIZ must be broken. In order that there will be only one (1) regional contestant to represent the particular region in the national championship.









7. If two contestants tie for the highest score, the first and the second place winners shall be declared from the two of them. If three or more contestants tie for the highest score, the first, the second, and the third place winners shall be declared from among them. This procedure applies accordingly to ties in the second or third highest scores.
8. The following procedures shall be followed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:
  - a. The protest or inquiry shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Consultants.
  - b. Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry.
  - c. Any change in the score resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairman of the Board of Consultants at the earliest appropriate time during the POPQUIZ.

#### VIII. Contest Prizes

The city contestant shall be awarded a cash prize of P200. Like wise, the provincial contestant shall be awarded a cash prize of P200. For the regional POPQUIZ, P500 shall be awarded to the first prize winner; P300 to the second prize winner and P200 to the third prize winner. For the national championship, a cash prize of P5,000 goes to the national champion; P3,000 to the first runner up; and P2,000 to the second runner up. Other contestants in the national POPQUIZ shall each be awarded P300.

At national level, plaques of recognition shall be given to the schools, the MFCROs, and the FOCs represented by the first, second and third place winners. Official members of the regional delegations shall be given certificates of recognition. Each nominee to the population quiz show shall be given a certification of recognition, and each participating school shall be given a letter of acknowledgment.

Other prizes and awards may be given using IEC funds other than POPQUIZ budget item (subject to clearance from IEC Central) or from donations/contributions, etc. that may be solicited.

#### IX. Regional Delegations

The official members of the regional delegation to the national championship are the following.

1. The regional contestant







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2. The official coach of the regional contestant if incapacitated, the principal or administrator of the school represented by the regional contestant shall designate in writing an alternate coach.
  3. The regional MDCS PEF Coordinator, who shall act as the official chaperone.
  4. The Supervising Information Officer of the RPO or other duly designated RPO staff member, who shall act as the regional delegation head.

Transportation expenses from residence to Metro Manila and back, full board and lodging shall be provided the regional contestant, the official or alternate coach, and the official chaperone. Transportation expenses of the regional delegation head shall be provided by the RPO. full board and lodging shall, however, be provided in Metro Manila.





