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DECS MEMORANDUM  
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1998 NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ  
(POPQUIZ '98)

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Regional PEP Coordinators  
Divisional PEP Coordinators

1. The Population Education Program, Bureau of Secondary Education, Department of Education, Culture and Sports is launching the National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ '98) with the theme: **"Challenges of Population and Environment Education for a Sustainable Future"**
2. The contest aims to:
  - a. generate awareness and interest in population education issues and matters among the youth, community influentials and the general public;
  - b. convey population education concepts/messages to students and eventually make them realize the importance of making rational decisions on population issues that concern them; and
  - c. promote values supportive of population education among in-school youth.
3. The participants to this contest are fourth year high school students from public and private schools as well as from laboratory schools of state colleges and universities nationwide.
4. The PopQuiz '98 shall follow this time frame:

July	-	School level contest
August	-	Divisional level contest
September	-	Regional level contest
October	-	National level contest
5. The national level contest will be held on October 22, 1998 in Legaspi City.

6. At the national level, the activity shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of officials from DECS and cooperating agencies such as the POPCOM, CHED, TESDA, DOH, NEDA, DILG, DENR, PIA/KBP and others. This committee shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group composed of selected Population Education Program and selected POPCOM staff who shall oversee program implementation at all levels. To ensure the success of the activity, the regions are encouraged to set up a structure of similar composition.

7. In the context of institutionalization, the divisional and regional level contests shall be the responsibility of the divisions and regions concerned while the national contest level shall be the responsibility of the PEP-BSE.

8. Authorized to attend the national level contest are:

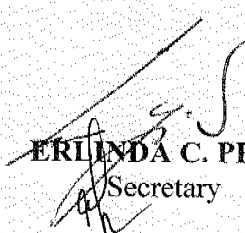

1. Regional PEP Coordinators
2. Divisional PEP Coordinators
3. Coaches of Regional Contestants
4. Principals of Regional Contestants
5. Regional Contestants
6. PEP-BSE Staff

9. Travel and board and lodging expenses incidental to their participation in the national level contest shall be charged to local/divisional/regional funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

However, the board and lodging expenses of the Regional Contestants, their Coaches, the Regional PEP Coordinators and the PEP Staff shall be charged to PEP-BSE funds.

10. Attached are the guidelines and other details of the contest.

11. Full cooperation of all concerned is enjoined and wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

  
ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO  
Secretary 

Incls.: As stated

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## **GUIDELINES FOR THE 1998 POPULATION QUIZ (National Level)**

### **I. Selection and Elimination**

1. School/Division/Regional Level Contests
  - a. The Regional Committee shall determine the mode of conduct and contest mechanics at these levels.
  - b. The regional winner shall be declared to represent the region at the national level following criteria set by local committees.
2. National Level Contest
  - a. A national champion shall be declared from among the competing regional participants.

### **II. Time Frame**

July	-	School level POPQUIZ
August	-	Divisional level POPQUIZ
September	-	Regional level POPQUIZ
October 22, 1998	-	National level POPQUIZ

### **III. Formulation of Questions**

1. Technical committees in the different contest levels shall prepare the questions which will be used in their respective contests in accordance with general test construction principles.
2. Content of questions will be based on the Population Education Core Messages/Key Concepts such as:
  - a. Family Life and Responsible Parenthood
  - b. Gender and Development
  - c. Population and Reproductive Health
  - d. Population, Environment, Resources and Sustainable Development
3. Review materials will be provided by the POPCOM and DECS regional and central offices.

#### IV. **Contest Rules and Mechanics**

1. Contestants shall be provided with pen and writing sheets for their use during the contest.
2. English and Filipino shall be the official languages used in the conduct of the quiz.
3. There will be a total of 20 questions to be given, 6 of which are "easy" questions, 7 are of "average" difficulty, and 7 are "difficult."
4. Each question shall be read twice by the quizmaster. Count down will start after a question has been read twice.
5. Contestants shall be given a maximum of twenty (20) seconds to answer a question. However, questions which will not require computations will only be given five seconds.
6. Should a contestant wish to change an answer that he/she has written down, this answer should be crossed out and the new answer written clearly. A contestant is allowed to change his/her answer within the allotted time to answer a particular question.
7. Points for every correct answer shall be:  
  
One (1) point for an "easy" question  
Two (2) points for an "average" question  
Three (3) points for a "difficult" question
8. A national champion shall be proclaimed based on a cumulative scoring system.
9. All ties shall be broken by tie-breaker questions from the "difficult category."
10. The following procedures shall be observed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:
  - a. Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry.
  - b. The protest or inquiry shall be addressed orally to the Chairperson of the Board of Judges who shall recognize the protest or inquiry.
  - c. Decisions resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairperson of the Board of Judges at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

## V. **Board of Judges**

The Board of Judges shall be composed of three experts in population and other development concerns. A chairperson shall be selected from among the members of the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

## VI. **Contest Prizes**

Champion	-	P	10,000 and a trophy
Contestants	-	P	2,000 and a plaque of recognition

Coaches of all contestants - Plaque of recognition

The local organizing committees may solicit donations/contributions for additional prizes from various donors.

## VII. **Official Delegations**

1. The members of the regional delegation to the national contest are the following:
  - a. the regional contestant
  - b. the official coach of the regional contestant
  - c. the Divisional PEP Coordinator of the regional contestant
  - d. the DECS Regional PEP Coordinator
  - e. the Regional POPCOM officer (RPO)
2. Travel and Board and Lodging

The official delegates from DECS and POPCOM shall charge their transportation and board and lodging to local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. However, the board and lodging expenses of the contestants, their coaches, the regional PEP coordinator, members of the board of judges and the PEP staff shall be charged to PEP-BSE funds. Transportation of PEP staff and members of the board of judges shall likewise be charged to PEP-BSE funds.

Members of the official delegation are expected to register at the contest site a day before the contest.