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**DECS MEMORANDUM**  
No. 260, s. 1999

**1999 NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ (POPQUIZ)**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Division Superintendents  
Regional POPED Coordinators  
Divisional POPED Coordinators

1. The Population Education Program – Bureau of Secondary Education, Department of Education, Culture and Sports is conducting the 1999 National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ) on October 26, 1999 at the New Crown Lodge, Luna St., Tuguegarao, Cagayan with the theme: “Decisions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Choice and Responsibility”
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 '99 shall follow this time frame:
  - July – School level contest
  - August – Divisional level contest
  - September – Regional level contest
  - October – National level contest

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE 1999 POPULATION QUIZ**

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

1. School/Division/ | Regional Level Contest
  - 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 the criteria set by the 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 - Division Level POPQUIZ  
September - Regional Level POPQUIZ  
October 26, 1999 - National Level POPQUIZ

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

1. Local contest committees shall prepare the questions which will be used in their respective contest levels 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 DECS/POPCOM.

#### IV. Contest Rules and Mechanics: National Level

1. Contestants shall be provided with pen, numbered and color coded writing sheets for their use during the contest. Writing sheets will be collected by the monitor after every category.
2. English and Filipino shall be the official languages used in the conduct of the quiz.
3. There will be a total of twenty (20) questions to be given, 6 of which are "easy questions," 7 are of "average", 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 (5) seconds.
6. Should a contestant wish to change an answer that he has written down, this answer should be crossed out with one horizontal line only and the new answer written clearly above the crossed out answer. A contestant is allowed to change his 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 at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

- b. The protest or inquiry shall be addressed orally to the Chairman 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 Chairman of the Board of Judges at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

**V. Board of Judges: National Level**

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

**VI. Contest Prizes: National Level**

Champion - P10,000.00 and a trophy

Other contestants (Non- winners) - P2,000.00 and a plaque of recognition

Coaches of all contestants - Plaque of Recognition

**Regional Level:**

First Prize winner will be given with an institutional trophy from Population Commission.

**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 DECS Regional PEP Coordinators
  - d. the Regional POPCOM Officer (RPO)
  - e. the DECS Division POPEd Coordinators
  - f. principals

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

## 2. Travel and Board and Lodging

The regional contestants, coaches, regional POPED coordinators and PEP staff shall charge their board and lodging to PEP-BSE funds while their transportation expenses to local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The POPCOM delegates shall charge their transportation and board and lodging expenses to POPCOM local funds.

The Divisional POPED coordinators, principals and others joining the delegation shall charge their board and lodging of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Pesos (1,950.00) and their travel expenses to school/division funds.

5. 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/EBP and others. This committee shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group composed of selected Population Education Program and POPCOM staff who shall oversee program implementation at all levels. To ensure the success of the activity, all regions are encouraged to set up a structure of similar composition.

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

7. 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

8. The regional contestants, coaches, regional POPED coordinators and PEP staff shall charge their board and lodging to PEP-BSE funds while transportation expenses to local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The Divisional POPED coordinators, principals and others joining the delegation shall charge their board and lodging of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Pesos (P1,950.00) and their travel expenses to school/division funds.

9. The regional POPED coordinators should send the total numbers of additional delegates (divisional POPED coordinators, principals, parents) to this Office, on or before October 8 for reservation at the hotel.

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.

  
ANDREW GONZALES, FSC  
Secretary

Incls.: As stated

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