

MATSEC Examinations Board

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SEC Environmental Studies coursework titles 2024

An investigation into water conservation at home.

The candidate is to inform him/herself on the problems associated with water availability and production in Malta, and discuss one or more possible house-hold water conservation measures that s/he and the family can implement to help reduce the problem. The project should contain both primary and secondary research. The methodology should include a survey.

The importance of Maltese nature reserves in preserving geology and/or biodiversity.

The candidate is to choose ONE nature reserve and discuss its importance for the locality and, more broadly, for Malta. The project should contain both primary and secondary research. The methodology should include a survey and a form of fieldwork (site-visits, observation & basic data collection & very basic analysis).

Malta's coastal defence network under the Order of the Knights of St John.

The candidate is to inform him/herself about the defence network of either Malta or Gozo, and provide a general description of it. Furthermore, the candidate is to focus on ONE fortification (site) and analyse its architecture and use during the time of the Knights, and how these changed over time to the present. The project should contain both primary and secondary research. The methodology should include basic site mapping and a survey and/or interviews with locals, tourists, industry professionals etc.

A history of the celebration of the feasts of St Peter and St Paul, Our Lady of Victory and Carnival, in Malta.

The candidate is to gather information about the history of ONE of these feasts and how it was celebrated along the years. The candidate is to include: history, folklore, traditions and legends; and should discuss how these were and are understood by locals and foreigners. The project should contain both primary and secondary research. The methodology should include a survey and/or interviews with locals, tourists, industry professionals, history/folklore experts etc.

Malta: developing into a multi-cultural society.

The candidate is to inform him/herself about the circumstances and causes that have led to an increasingly multicultural Maltese society. Furthermore, the candidate should identify ONE effect of multiculturalism on Maltese society and discuss it. The project should contain both primary and secondary research. The methodology should include a survey and/or interviews with locals, tourists, industry professionals etc.

Transitioning from Maltese citizens to global ones.

The candidate is to focus on how youth today are seeing past the confines of the island, enabled by the effects of technology and globalisation. The candidate is to focus on how Maltese youth are transitioning from local to global citizens, and analyse the consequences of this phenomenon. The project should contain both primary and secondary research. The methodology should include a survey and/or interviews with locals, tourists, industry professionals etc.