General Paper Essay Exam: SHEAR SHEEP DIP Technique and Summary Writing

Directions: Select a prompt. **Identify and record FIVE (5) facts or ideas** as they relate to **FIVE** (5) DIFFERENT SHEAR SHEEP DIP areas. Make sure you record specific, yet general information in the five areas as they relate to the subject. Ask the 5w's1h to help you complete the entry for each of the FIVE areas you MATCH to the subject area. Important Point: Identify **TWO** VIEWPOINTS while completing the work – similar to an actual discursive essay. Then, write a persuasive style paragraph to support one of the viewpoints. Example on page 49.

Prompt _____

Social / Culture _____ **Ask:**

History _____ *WHO* _____

Economy / Money _____ *WHAT* _____

Art / Aesthetic _____ *WHEN* _____

Religion _____ *WHERE* _____

Science / Environment _____ *WHY* _____

Home / Family _____ *HOW* _____

Education _____ **Incorporate:**

Ethics / Law / Legal _____ *Local* _____

Politics / Government _____ *National* _____

Disease / Health _____ *International* _____

Inventions / Technology _____ **Include:**

Psychology / Philosophy _____ *Proper Nouns*

Viewpoint One _____ **Viewpoint Two**_____

Conclusion paragraph – IMPORTANT: General Paper essays require strong, thoughtful, complete conclusion paragraphs where **the candidate takes a clear stand FAVORING one viewpoint** over the other. It is a one-paragraph PERSUASIVE essay – still based on fact, but more forceful in response. Do NOT discuss the other viewpoint.

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