

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Rights and Personal choices

You learned all about human rights in grades 7 and 8. Now think back to those human rights and answer the following questions, using your own words. Do not answer with only a one-word answer, but in a full sentence, and explain your answer as best as possible. Two marks will be given for each correct answer.

1. What does the Bill of Rights say about equality?
2. Why is the death sentence banned in South Africa?
3. What does the Bill of Rights say about privacy?
4. Are people allowed to force others to work for them?
5. Can I go to any church, synagogue, mosque or temple I like?
6. Can I make friends with anyone I like?
7. What does the Constitution say about children's rights?
8. Why do I have to go to school?
9. What rights do I have if I commit a crime?
10. What rights do I have to speak my own language?

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Suggested Solutions

| Question number | Possible marks | Solution |
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| 1 | 2 | Everyone is equal under the law, and you may not be discriminated against in any way. |
| 2 | 2 | Everyone, even criminals, has the right to life. |
| 3 | 2 | You cannot be searched or have your home or possessions searched, unless there is a court order/search warrant. |
| 4 | 2 | Slavery, servitude and forced labour are not allowed. |
| 5 | 2 | You are free to follow any religion of your choice. |
| 6 | 2 | You are free to associate with anyone you want, but remember that if you are under 18, you are still under the guardianship of your parents. |
| 7 | 2 | Children under 18 have special rights and must be protected. They may not be abused. |
| 8 | 2 | Everyone has the right to a basic education, which is why education to Grade 9 is compulsory. |
| 9 | 2 | If you are arrested, you have the right to a fair trial and to be represented by a lawyer of your choice. |
| 10 | 2 | You are free to use any language you want, but once again minors/ children under the age of 18 are under the guardianship of their parents. |