

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Rights and responsibilities

1. You know about human rights; but did you know that with every right comes a responsibility? Next to every right in the table below, list a responsibility that goes with it. For example, you have the right to human dignity; but you also have the responsibility to conduct yourself with dignity. You have the right to life; but you have the responsibility to respect the lives of others.
2. Now it's your turn. You will be given 2 marks for each correct answer.

Rights	Responsibilities
1. You have the right to freedom and security.	
2. You have the right to privacy.	
3. You have the right to freedom of religion.	
4. You have the right to freedom of expression.	
5. You have the right to demonstrate and petition.	
6. You have the right to support the political party of your choice.	
7. You have the right to a healthy environment.	
8. You have the right to access to proper housing.	
9. Children under the age of 18 have special rights and need to be protected.	
10. You have the right to a basic education.	

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1 – 10	20	The answers given in the grid below are to be seen as a guide only and are not prescriptive.

Rights	Responsibilities.
1. You have the right to freedom and security...	And the responsibility to look after your own safety.
2. You have the right to privacy...	And the responsibility not to do things in private that are illegal or dangerous.
3. You have the right to freedom of religion...	And the responsibility to respect other people's religions.
4. You have the right to freedom of expression...	And the responsibility not to engage in hate speech or to tell lies about other people.
5. You have the right to demonstrate and petition...	And the responsibility to respect others' rights not to demonstrate/the responsibility to demonstrate in a peaceful manner.
6. You have the right to support the political party of your choice...	And the responsibility to vote when you are over 18.
7. You have the right to a healthy environment...	And the responsibility to look after the environment and not pollute it.
8. You have the right to access to proper housing...	And the responsibility to maintain your house and garden in a good condition.
9. Children under the age of 18 have special rights and need to be protected...	And the responsibility to obey their parents, teachers and people in authority.
10. You have the right to a basic education...	And the responsibility to go to school and study to the best of your ability.

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