

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Social relationships

Roles in society are either ascribed or achieved. Ascribed roles are those that you assume because you were born into that position. For example, if you were born a boy, then you are a son. That is an ascribed role. Another example of an ascribed role is that the eldest son or daughter of a king or queen will one day be king or queen in turn. Elizabeth Windsor was the eldest daughter of the King of England. When her father died, she became Queen Elizabeth.

Roles can also be achieved, meaning that you have worked for the role. If, for example, you are the captain of the soccer team, that is something that you have achieved for yourself.

In this task you will be given the names of actual people. You must decide whether their roles have been ascribed or achieved. Put a tick in the relevant block in the table. The first one has been done for you as an example.

	Person	Ascribed	Achieved
Example:	The Queen of England	X	
1	Chief Mandla Mandela		
2	President Jacob Zuma		
3	The head boy/girl at your school		
4	Prince William of England		
5	The captain of Bafana Bafana		
6	Madonna		
7	David Beckham		
8	David Beckham's son		
9	Michael Jackson		
10	Paris Hilton		
11	President Barack Obama		
12	Crown Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands		
13	Makaya Ntini		
14	Nelson Mandela		
15	The King of Swaziland		

15 marks

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solutions			
1	15		Person	Ascribed	Achieved
		Example	The Queen of England	X	
		1	Chief Mandla Mandela	X	
		2	President Jacob Zuma		X
		3	The head boy/girl at your school		X
		4	Prince William of England	X	
		5	The captain of Bafana Bafana		X
		6	Madonna		X
		7	David Beckham		X
		8	David Beckham's son	X	
		9	Michael Jackson		X
		10	Paris Hilton	X	
		11	President Barack Obama		X
		12	Crown Prince Willem Alexander of the Netherlands	X	
		13	Makaya Ntini		X
14	Nelson Mandela		X		
15	The King of Swaziland	X			