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## **APPENDIX 7: GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES**

### **Nature of Science and Technology**

- A1. recognize both the power and limitations of science as a way of answering questions about the world and explaining natural phenomena
- A2. recognize that scientific knowledge is based on evidence, models, and explanations, and evolves as new evidence appears and new conceptualizations develop
- A3. distinguish critically between science and technology in terms of their respective contexts, goals, methods, products, and values
- A4. identify and appreciate contributions made by women and men from many societies and cultural backgrounds towards increasing our understanding of the world and in bringing about technological innovations
- A5. recognize that science and technology interact with and advance one another

### **Science, Technology, Society, and the Environment (STSE)**

- B1. describe scientific and technological developments, past and present, and appreciate their impact on individuals, societies, and the environment, both locally and globally
- B2. recognize that scientific and technological endeavours have been and continue to be influenced by human needs and the societal context of the time
- B3. identify the factors that affect health and explain the relationships among personal habits, lifestyle choices, and human health, both individual and social
- B4. demonstrate a knowledge of, and personal consideration for, a range of possible science- and technology-related interests, hobbies, and careers
- B5. identify and demonstrate actions that promote a sustainable environment, society, and economy, both locally and globally

### **Scientific and Technological Skills and Attitudes**

- C1. recognize safety symbols and practices related to scientific and technological activities and to their daily lives, and apply this knowledge in appropriate situations
- C2. demonstrate appropriate scientific inquiry skills when seeking answers to questions
- C3. demonstrate appropriate problem-solving skills while seeking solutions to technological challenges
- C4. demonstrate appropriate critical thinking and decision-making skills when choosing a course of action based on scientific and technological information

- C5. demonstrate curiosity, skepticism, creativity, open-mindedness, accuracy, precision, honesty, and persistence, and appreciate their importance as scientific and technological habits of mind
- C6. employ effective communication skills and utilize information technology to gather and share scientific and technological ideas and data
- C7. work cooperatively and value the ideas and contributions of others while carrying out scientific and technological activities
- C8. evaluate, from a scientific perspective, information and ideas encountered during investigations and in daily life

**Essential Science Knowledge**

- D1. understand essential life structures and processes pertaining to a wide variety of organisms, including humans
- D2. understand various biotic and abiotic components of ecosystems, as well as their interaction and interdependence within ecosystems and within the biosphere as a whole
- D3. understand the properties and structures of matter as well as various common manifestations and applications of the actions and interactions of matter
- D4. understand how stability, motion, forces, and energy transfers and transformations play a role in a wide range of natural and constructed contexts
- D5. understand the composition of the Earth's atmosphere, hydrosphere, and lithosphere, as well as the processes involved within and among them
- D6. understand the composition of the universe, the interactions within it, and the impacts of humankind's continued attempts to understand and explore it

**Unifying Concepts**

- E1. describe and appreciate the similarity and diversity of forms, functions, and patterns within the natural and constructed world
- E2. describe and appreciate how the natural and constructed world is made up of systems and how interactions take place within and among these systems
- E3. recognize that characteristics of materials and systems can remain constant or change over time, and describe the conditions and processes involved
- E4. recognize that energy, whether transmitted or transformed, is the driving force of both movement and change, and is inherent within materials and in the interactions among them