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Together We Build Through Education!

The Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD) has embarked on an extensive workshop for assessing and developing the educational framework and curricula which have been placed into effect more than three years ago. With full realization of the fact that the educational cycle must continue normally through its components, and until the development process attains its aspired objectives, we are placing in the hands of students, teachers and directors of public schools, this corrected version of textbooks issued by CERD as part of the National Textbook Series.

This version is an interim stage incorporating the corrected typographical and linguistic errors discovered by CERD specialists as well as teachers and students through their daily dealings with the books. The process of assessment and development of the framework and curricula will take into consideration all the comments that have been made, or will be made, in this regard.

It is expected that once the curricula are developed and aligned with the general and specific objectives set for them, the textbooks will be realigned with the new curricular and framework requirements, including tying the content of a course to the number of teaching hours set for it during the school year, taking into consideration vertical alignment within the same course as well as the horizontal alignment with the rest of the courses.

I take this opportunity to invite all school administrators, teachers and students and all officials concerned in public and private schools alike, to promptly send their comments on these curricula and books as their contribution to enrichment of this momentous national process.

This workshop, which was launched under the kind sponsorship of His Excellency the Minister of Education and Higher Education in implementation of Decree No. 10227 embodying the educational curricula and their objectives, fits in with CERD's proclaimed new motto "Together We Build Through Education"

It is our earnest desire to see this national, all-inclusive workshop attracting the greatest amount of interest and participation to define the safest and soundest educational options that directly affect our children, as we vow to continually modernize education and develop its ways and means to keep abreast of modern developments and progress in science and technology.

Dr. Leila MALEEHA President CERD



"We do not narrate mathematics... we construct it..."

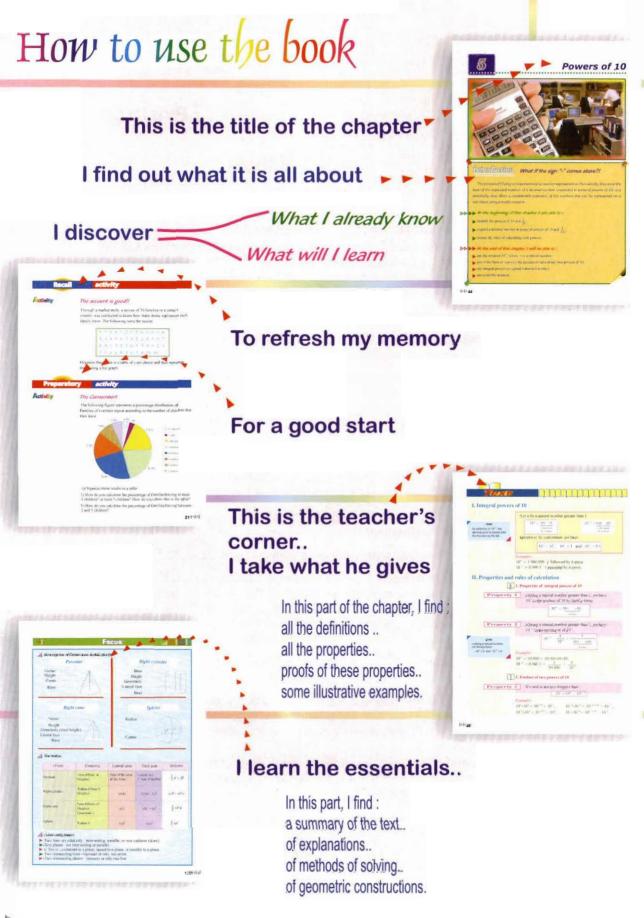
We believe that this teaching concept reflects the will to respect the student as a human being; it is no longer a matter of imposing information on him but presenting him with the one he demands. Our main objective in this book is to direct the student to become an information seeker.

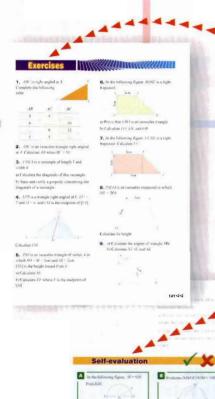
Material covered in the following chapters includes:

- The Introduction, in which the student is reminded of what he has learned and what he will learn
- The Activities: In this phase, the student is confronted with situations that urge him to pose questions, conclude, and exchange ideas with his classmates and defend them.
 - We think that this is the most important phase of using the national textbook.
 - The role of the teacher is clearly defined in the Pedagogical Guide.
- The Text: This is the phase of systematization where teaching is put into order through the ideas proposed by student groups.
- The Focus: This is a place where students can find the main points of the chapter summarized.
- The Exercises: Devised to consolidate the already-acquired notions.
- The **Self-evaluation:** A set of questions, put by students, after their acquisition of new material. Answers to the proposed questions are given at the end of the book. At this stage, the student is held responsible for his work. It is only up to him to judge the degree of comprehension of the notions presented so far.
- The **Problems:** Place of relocating the student's new and old acquisitions. It is a wide and varied field of applications.
- Just for fun: Place where the posed problems are less classical and more extracurricular. The essential interest is not in the solution of these problems but in the attempts made towards their solution in a lively atmosphere.

At the end of this work, we hope to reach most of the goals that we set for ourselves. Nevertheless, the results depend heavily on how the teachers will use this book.

The authors





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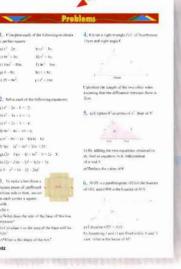
In this part of the chapter, I find : miscellaneous revision exercises. direct application exercises.. training exercises.

This is my own corner!

In this part, I find:
some exercises treating the essentials;
the student selects appropriate ones
for himself to solve.
The solutions are given at the end
of the book.
I can always ask the teacher for
explanations.

A challenge? I accept it.

In this part of the chapter, I find : problems relating to the text, problems for everyday application, problems using the properties already seen.



Between us, Mathematics is sometimes lots of fun!

In this part, we find : interesting problems that require collective thinking.



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