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FORM EIGHT EXAMS, 2019

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GRADE 8 LEAVING EXAMINATION

SOCIAL STUDIES

June 2019

TIME: 2 HOURS

Plus 10 minutes for Reading through the paper.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

This paper consists of 9 printed pages with the cover page.
Count them now. Inform the invigilator if there are any missing or extra.

PART 1: 30 multiple choice questions

60 marks

PART 2: 8 structured questions

40 marks

TOTAL

100 Marks



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PART ONE: Multiple choice questions

(30 x 2 = 60 marks)

Circle the correct answer

1. Currently the world population exceeds more than
 - a. 7 billion
 - b. 6 billion
 - c. 5 billion
 - d. 6 million.
2. Which one of the following is not a Mongloid feature?
 - a. Narrow nose and thin lips
 - b. Light coloured skin
 - c. Eyes with a fold of flesh above them
 - d. Straight black hair
3. African heroes who struggled against apartheid include
 - a. Haile Selassie
 - b. Robert Mogabi
 - c. Nelson Mondella
 - d. Husni Mubarik
4. Which planet orbits next to the Sun?
 - a. Venus
 - b. Pluto
 - c. Earth
 - d. Mercury.
5. The distance between Mars and the Sun is around
 - a. 230 million km
 - b. 150 million km
 - c. 290 million km
 - d. 780 million km.



6. Which of the following is the largest Ocean?
- a. Atlantic
 - b. Pacific
 - c. Indian
 - d. Mediterranean Sea.
7. The Earth rotates round its axis once in every 24 hours this rotation results:
- a. Seasons
 - b. Dark nights and full moon nights
 - c. Day and night
 - d. Deflection of Ocean currents.
8. If it is 6:00 am in London at 0° , what will be the time in Berbera at 45° East?
- a. 3:00 P.M
 - b. 3:00 A.M
 - c. 6:00 P.M
 - d. 9:00 A.M.
9. The two major features of a climatic zone of a certain area are
- a. Temperature and rainfall
 - b. Rainfall and winds
 - c. Temperature and humidity
 - d. Humidity and winds.
10. Ozone gas is found in the atmospheric layer known as:
- a. Troposphere
 - b. Stratosphere
 - c. Ionosphere
 - d. Thermosphere.
11. The most important local staple food in Somaliland is:
- a. Beans
 - b. Rice
 - c. Sorghum
 - d. Wheat.

12. The leading rice producing countries in the World include
- a. Britain
 - b. Italy
 - c. China
 - d. France.
13. The most important market gardening production in Somaliland is:
- a. Orange
 - b. Guava
 - c. Onions
 - d. Tomatoes.
14. Most of the fibres used world-wide is :
- a. Cotton
 - b. Silk
 - c. Wool
 - d. Sisal.
15. The major types of cultivation used in Somaliland is :
- a. Commercial farming
 - b. Subsistence farming
 - c. New land clearing for farming
 - d. Mechanized farming
16. It is estimated that about _____% of the mammals is facing extinction
- a. 12%
 - b. 14%
 - c. 24%
 - d. 26%.
17. Economic importance of Livestock for the country include:
- a. Meat
 - b. Milk
 - c. Skins and hides
 - d. Hard currency.

18. The founder of Ancient Ghana who united the Soninke people was
- Dinga Cise
 - Mansa Musa
 - Sundiata
 - Mohamed Tuure.
19. The first kingdom for the Hausa people was founded in
- 17th Century
 - 10th Century
 - 9th Century
 - 5th Century.
20. Songhay kingdom was finally defeated by forces from Morocco
- In 1970
 - In 1513
 - In 1591
 - In 1510.
21. Portugal and Spain were together known as
- Dutch
 - Europe
 - Angola
 - Iberia
22. Angola was colonized by
- Portugal
 - Britain
 - France
 - USA.
23. During the beginning of the 20th Century, all African countries were under colonization, except:
- Ethiopia and Egypt
 - Ethiopia and Liberia
 - Libya and Egypt
 - Nigeria and Morocco



24. Which of the following countries is in the Commonwealth nations?
- a. Egypt
 - b. Ethiopia
 - c. Tanzania
 - d. Cameroon
25. The Arab League was founded
- a. In 1946
 - b. In 1964
 - c. In 1940
 - d. In 1945
26. The main difference among member countries in the African Union is
- a. Their language
 - b. Their skin colour
 - c. Their hair
 - d. Their nose and lips.
27. The African continent lies between :
- a. 37° N and 35° S
 - b. 17° W and 51° E
 - c. 37° W and 17° E
 - d. 36° E and 51° W.
28. The major means of transport in Somaliland is
- a. Sea transport
 - b. Air transport
 - c. Land transport
 - d. River transport
29. The new kingdom of Egypt was established in
- a. 2200 – 2700 B.C
 - b. 2050 – 1800 B.C
 - c. 2300 – 2060 B.C
 - d. 1570 – 1085 B.C.



30. Characteristics of a good citizen include:

- a. Promotes common interest
- b. Politician
- c. Intellectual
- d. Sociable.

PART TWO: Structured Questions

(40 marks)

Answer Questions

1. Briefly explain what is meant by a global village?

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2. Briefly explain the rotation and the revolution of the Earth and their results

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3. Identify the three largest physical features of the Earth.

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4. List at least five reasons showing why people immigrate from the area they lived to another area or country?

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5. Until now, plantation, commercial farming and modern farming are not practiced in Somaliland. Give reasons. (5 marks)

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6. Explain the suitable conditions for growing maize. (5 marks)

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7. Identify and briefly explain 5 organs of the Organization of African Unity. (5 marks)

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8. Give reasons why Africans were made slaves. (5 marks)

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