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FORM EIGHT EXAMS, 2016

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GRADE 8

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

2015-2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

Plus 10 minutes for Reading through the paper

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper consists of 11 printed pages with the cover page.  
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PART 1: 30 Multiple Choice Questions	60 Marks
PART 2: 6 Structured Questions	24 Marks
PART 3: 2 Extended Question	16 Marks

TOTAL 100 Marks

- Answer all questions part 1, 2 and 3.
- No Extra papers



## PART 1: Multiple Choice Questions

(60 Marks)

1. The republic of Somaliland economically depends on :
  - a) Mining
  - b) Commerce
  - c) Livestock
  - d) Industry.
  
2. The leading coffee producing country in the Horn of Africa is:
  - a) Ethiopia
  - b) Somalia
  - c) Sudan
  - d) Eretria.
  
3. The main Islamic order followed by the people of Somaliland is :
  - a) Qadiria
  - b) Ahmedia
  - c) Salihia
  - d) Rufa'ia.
  
4. The main roles of the religious leaders in Somaliland include:
  - a) Teaching the holy Quran to the people
  - b) Spreading Islam among the people
  - c) Carrying the Islamic message
  - d) All the above.
  
5. The worst impact of the colonials on Africa is:
  - a) Poor economy
  - b) Border disputes
  - c) Cultivating their culture
  - d) Civil wars.



The most important staple food for the Africans is :

- a) Wheat
- b) Maize
- c) Rice
- d) Barley.

7. The tallest mountain in Africa is located in:

- a) Uganda
- b) Somalia
- c) Kenya
- d) Tanzania.

8. The internal forces of the earth which come out and change its physical features include :

- a) Volcanoes
- b) Earth quakes
- c) Winds
- d) A and b

9. It takes the Earth to revolve round the sun in :

- a) 360 days
- b) 365.5 days
- c) 363 days
- d) 365 days.

10. The great Rift valley begins from :

- a) Kenya
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Turkey
- d) Jordan.



11. The Earth is \_\_\_\_\_ planet from the sun:

- a) Third
- b) Fourth
- c) First
- d) Fifth.

12. The main headquarters for the African Union is in :

- a) Addis Ababa
- b) Cairo
- c) Kampala
- d) Nairobi.

13. The largest continent of the world is :

- a) Africa    b) Asia    c) Europe    d) America

14. The line which divides the earth into the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere is known as:

- a) The prime Meridian
- b) The Northern Latitude
- c) The Southern Latitude
- d) Equator.

15. The Water bodies which occupy on the surface of the Earth is about:

- a) 71%
- b) 75%
- c) 60%
- d) 50%.

16. The Earth's rotation on its Axis results

- a) Sea waves
- b) Climate
- c) Days
- d) Time



17. The Republic of Djibouti took its independence from the colonial rule in:

- a) 1978
- b) 1977
- c) 1976
- d) 1960.

18. The kingdom which occupied on the upper Nile was:

- a) Kush
- b) Nabata
- c) D'mt
- d) Meroe.

19. The area on which Somaliland occupies is:

- a) 137,600 Km<sup>2</sup>
- b) 135,600 Km<sup>2</sup>
- c) 157,600 Km<sup>2</sup>
- d) 127,600 Km<sup>2</sup>.

20. The vegetation zone of Africa which depends on high precipitation ( rainfall) and high temperature is :

- a) Savana vegetation
- b) Desert vegetation
- c) Equatorial vegetation
- d) Semi-desert vegetation.

21. The scientists who study the origins of human beings are known as:

- a) Historians
- b) Experts
- c) Anthropologists
- d) Archaeologists



22. The common goal of all freedom organizations in Somaliland before 1960 was:
- a) To eliminate tribalism
  - b) To promote education
  - c) To unite with Somalia
  - d) All.
23. The lowest level of the earth's atmosphere is known as:
- a) Ionosphere
  - b) Stratosphere
  - c) Troposphere
  - d) Exosphere.
24. Petroleum is very costly because
- a) It is found in every country
  - b) It is used all over the world
  - c) It is the source of hard currency
  - d) It is the fuel for industries.
25. The area in which a great number of people are living, we say
- a) People are concentrated
  - b) People are scattered
  - c) People are less concentrated
  - d) None.
26. If the longitude which passes on Berbera is  $45^{\circ}$  East and the time is 9:00 am, what is the time in Cairo at  $30^{\circ}$  East.
- a) 10:00 Am
  - b) 7:00 A.m
  - c) 8:00 A.m
  - d) 11:00 Am.



27. According to Child Rights Law, it is forbidden :

- a) To teach children
- b) To feed children
- c) To recruit them as soldiers
- d) To prepare them for the future.

28. The African countries which were never colonized are:

- a) Ethiopia and Ghana
- b) Egypt and Liberia
- c) Egypt and Morocco
- d) Ethiopia and Liberia.

29. The laws of a country are written in :

- a) Human Rights law
- b) Electoral law
- c) Constitution
- d) Courts laws.

30. The leader who never consults with the people is known as:

- a) Dictator
- b) King
- c) Warlord
- d) President.





PART TWO: Structured Questions

1. State TWO factors which facilitated the Industrial Revolution in Europe in the 18<sup>th</sup> century? (4Marks)

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2. Distinguish the difference between (4Marks)  
a) Traditional transportation  
b) Modern transportation

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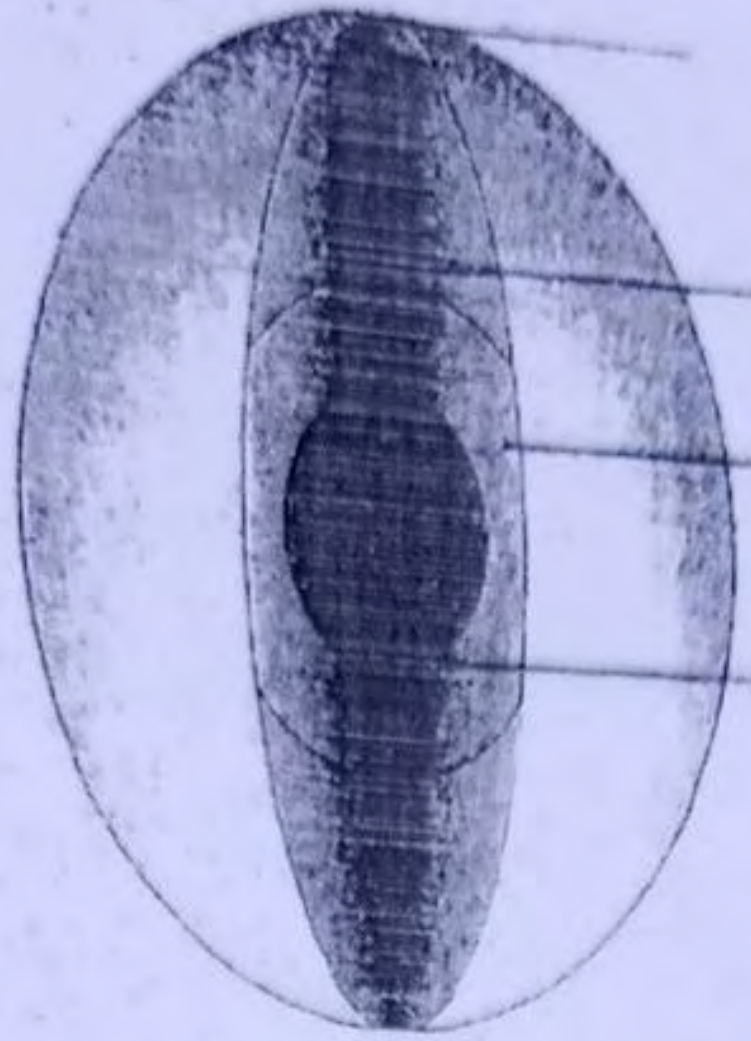
3. State TWO objectives for which the UNO was established. (4 Marks)

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4. Show in this illustration

- a) The earth's crust
- b) The mantle
- c) The upper core
- d) The inner core

(4Marks)



5. Briefly explain FOUR services or functions of the local government in Somaliland?

(4Marks)

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6. Write down names of the THREE branches of the government of Somaliland?

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Part three: Extended Questions.

(16 Marks)

1. Explain the FACTORS that led to the failure of the unity between Somaliland and Somalia? (8Marks)

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2. State CHALLENGES that confront the pastoralists in the Horn of Africa? (8Marks)

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