

# SMARTWIZ

## GRADE 8 SOCIAL SCIENCE EXAM

**MARKS: 50**

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**TIME: 2 hours**

**SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS (e.g. 4A)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SURNAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Instructions for Students:

- > Read all instructions carefully before beginning the exam.
- > Write your name and student ID clearly on the answer sheet/booklet.
- > Answer all questions unless otherwise stated.
- > Show all your work/calculations where applicable.
- > Write clearly and legibly.
- > Use blue or black ink only. \* Do not use correction fluid/tape.
- > No electronic devices (calculators, phones, etc.) are allowed unless explicitly permitted.
- > Raise your hand if you have any questions.
- > Do not talk to other students during the exam.
- > Any form of cheating will result in disqualification.

**This test consists of 4 pages, excluding the cover page.**

## SECTION A: HISTORY

(20 Marks)

### QUESTION 1: The Industrial Revolution

1.1 What was the Industrial Revolution?



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1.2 Name two important inventions during the Industrial Revolution.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

1.3 Explain one positive effect of the Industrial Revolution on society.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

1.4 Describe one negative impact of the Industrial Revolution on workers.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

1.5 Why did many people move from rural areas to cities during the Industrial Revolution?

\_\_\_\_\_ (4)

## SECTION B: GEOGRAPHY

(20 Marks)

### QUESTION 2: Climate and Weather

2.1 Define the term **climate**.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.2 What is the difference between climate and weather?

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 (3)

2.3 Name two types of climates found in South Africa.

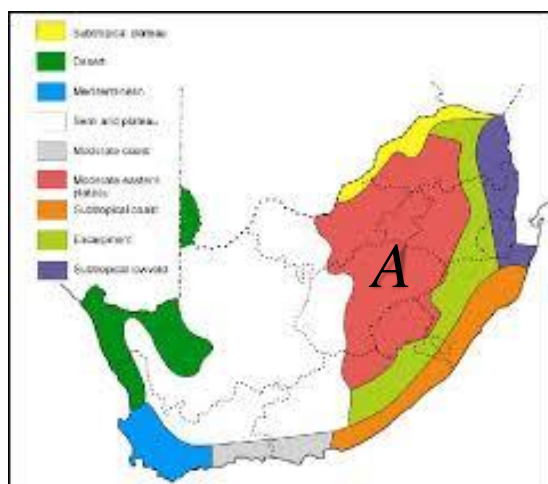
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 (2)

2.4 Study the map below and answer the questions that follow:



2.4.1 Which climate zone is marked as “A”?

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 (1)

2.4.2 What type of vegetation is commonly found in this climate zone?

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 (2)

2.4.3 How does this climate affect human activities in the area?

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 (3)

## SECTION C: CIVICS

(10 Marks)

### QUESTION 3: Rights and Responsibilities

3.1 What is a citizen's right? Give an example.

\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

3.2 Name two responsibilities of citizens in South Africa.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

3.3 Explain why voting in elections is important.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

3.4 How can citizens contribute to community development?

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\_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
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## **MEMO**

### **SECTION A: HISTORY**

**(20 Marks)**

1.1 The Industrial Revolution was a period of major industrialization that started in the 18th century where machines began to replace manual labour. (2)

1.2 Two important inventions:

- The steam engine
  - The spinning jenny
  - The power loom
- (Any two, 2 marks)

1.3 Positive effect:

- Increased production of goods
  - More job opportunities
  - Growth of cities and trade
- (Any relevant answer, 3 marks)

1.4 Negative impact:

- Poor working conditions
  - Long working hours
  - Child labour
  - Low wages
- (Any relevant, 3 marks)

1.5 People moved to cities to find work in factories and to seek better economic opportunities. (4)

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### **SECTION B: GEOGRAPHY**

**(20 Marks)**

2.1 Climate is the average weather conditions of a place over a long period. (2)

2.2 Difference between climate and weather:

- Weather is the day-to-day atmospheric conditions.
- Climate is the average weather over many years. (3)

2.3 Two climates in South Africa:

- Mediterranean climate
  - Desert climate
  - Subtropical climate
  - Temperate climate
- (Any two, 2 marks)

2.4 (*Assuming Climate Zone A is Mediterranean*)

2.4.1 Mediterranean climate (1)

2.4.2 Vegetation:

- Shrubs
- Evergreen trees
- Fynbos (2)

2.4.3 Effect on human activities:

- Suitable for farming grapes and olives
  - Tourism due to mild climate
  - Limited water supply affecting farming
- (Any relevant, 3 marks)

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## SECTION C: CIVICS

**(10 Marks)**

3.1 A citizen's right is a legal entitlement that allows them to do or have something. Example: Right to vote. (2)

3.2 Two responsibilities of citizens:

- Voting in elections
  - Paying taxes
  - Obeying laws
  - Respecting others' rights
- (Any two, 2 marks)

3.3 Voting is important because it allows citizens to choose their leaders and influence government decisions. (3)

3.4 Citizens can contribute to community development by volunteering, participating in local projects, and helping to keep the community clean and safe. (3)

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