

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 5 SOCIAL SCIENCE EXAM

MARKS: 50

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TIME: 1 hour

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CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

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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.

QUESTION 1: History (10 Marks)

1.1 Who was Nelson Mandela? (2)

1.2 Name two important events in South Africa's history. (2)

1.3 What was the Freedom Charter? (2)

1.4 Name two leaders who fought against apartheid. (2)

1.5 What is democracy? (2)

QUESTION 2: Geography (10 Marks)

2.1 Name the five oceans of the world. (5)

2.2 What is the meaning of climate? (2)

2.3 Fill in the table about types of landforms: (3)

Landform	Example	Description (write one sentence)
Mountain		
River		

QUESTION 3: Civics (10 Marks)

3.1 What is the role of the President in South Africa? (2)

3.2 Name two responsibilities of citizens. (2)

3.3 What is the Bill of Rights? (3)

3.4 Why should we respect other people's beliefs? (3)

QUESTION 4: Map Work (10 Marks)

4.1 What does the color green usually show on a map? (2)

4.2 Name three countries in Africa. (3)

4.3 What is the equator? (3)

4.4 Why do maps have a scale? (2)

QUESTION 5: Economics (10 Marks)

5.1 What is a resource? (2)

5.2 Name three natural resources found in South Africa. (3)

5.3 What is trade? (2)

5.4 How can people use resources carefully? (3)

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MEMO: GRADE 5 SOCIAL SCIENCE

QUESTION 1: History (10 Marks)

1.1 Who was Nelson Mandela?

- Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa and a leader who fought against apartheid.
(2 marks)

1.2 Name two important events in South Africa's history.

- The end of apartheid (1994)
- The Sharpeville Massacre (1960)
(or any other important events like the Freedom Charter launch)
(2 marks)

1.3 What was the Freedom Charter?

- The Freedom Charter was a document that explained the rights and freedoms all South Africans wanted.
(2 marks)

1.4 Name two leaders who fought against apartheid.

- Nelson Mandela
- Oliver Tambo
(or Steve Biko, Walter Sisulu)
(2 marks)

1.5 What is democracy?

- Democracy is a system where people vote to choose their leaders and have a say in how the country is run.
(2 marks)

QUESTION 2: Geography (10 Marks)

2.1 Name the five oceans of the world.

- Atlantic Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Pacific Ocean
- Southern Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
(5 marks)

2.2 What is the meaning of climate?

- Climate is the usual weather of a place over a long time.
(2 marks)

2.3 Table answers:

Landform	Example	Description (write one sentence)
Mountain	Drakensberg	A mountain is a very high, steep landform.
River	Orange River	A river is a flowing body of water that moves to the sea or lake.

(3 marks — 2 for correct examples, 1 for description)

QUESTION 3: Civics (10 Marks)

3.1 What is the role of the President in South Africa?

- The President leads the government and makes important decisions.
- Represents South Africa internationally.
(2 marks)

3.2 Name two responsibilities of citizens.

- To vote in elections
- To obey laws
(2 marks)

3.3 What is the Bill of Rights?

- The Bill of Rights is part of the Constitution.
- It lists the rights and freedoms all people in South Africa have.
- It protects people from unfair treatment.
(3 marks)

3.4 Why should we respect other people's beliefs?

- To live peacefully together.
 - Because everyone has the right to their own beliefs.
 - Respect helps build friendship and understanding.
(3 marks)
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QUESTION 4: Map Work (10 Marks)

4.1 What does the color green usually show on a map?

- Green usually shows forests, grasslands, or areas with lots of plants.
(2 marks)

4.2 Name three countries in Africa.

- South Africa
- Nigeria
- Egypt
(or Kenya, Ghana, Morocco)
(3 marks)

4.3 What is the equator?

- The equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.
- It divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
- Places near the equator are usually hot all year.
(3 marks)

4.4 Why do maps have a scale?

- To show how distance on the map relates to real distance on the ground.
- It helps us measure distances between places.
(2 marks)

QUESTION 5: Economics (10 Marks)

5.1 What is a resource?

- A resource is something people use to live or make things, like water, trees, or minerals.
(2 marks)

5.2 Name three natural resources found in South Africa.

- Gold
- Diamonds
- Coal
(or water, forests, platinum)
(3 marks)

5.3 What is trade?

- Trade is buying and selling goods and services between people or countries.
(2 marks)

5.4 How can people use resources carefully?

- By not wasting them.
 - By recycling or reusing.
 - By protecting the environment.
- (3 marks)**
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TOTAL: 50 MARKS

