

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 5 SOCIAL SCIENCE EXAM

MARKS: 50

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TIME: 1 hour

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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 – Early Human Tools and Uses (8 MARKS)

Study the table below showing types of early human tools and their uses. Complete the missing parts.

Tool Type	Use	Material Used
Spear	Hunting animals	Stone/Wood
Scraper		Stone
	Cutting plants or meat	Stone
Hammerstone		Stone

1.1 Fill in the missing uses and tool names in the table above. (4)

1.2 Why were stone tools important for early humans? (4)

QUESTION 2: HISTORY – Khoisan People (7 MARKS)



2.1 Who were the Khoisan people? (2)

2.2 Name two ways the Khoisan people obtained their food. (2)

2.3 How did the Khoisan people communicate with each other? (3)

QUESTION 3: HISTORY – The Voortrekkers (6 MARKS)

3.1 What was the Great Trek? (2)

3.2 Name two challenges the Voortrekkers faced during the Great Trek. (2)

3.3 How did the Great Trek affect South Africa? (2)

QUESTION 4: GEOGRAPHY – South African Provinces (6 MARKS)

4.1 How many provinces does South Africa have? (1)

4.2 Name any three provinces of South Africa. (3)

4.3 What is the capital city of South Africa? (2)

QUESTION 5: GEOGRAPHY – Rivers of South Africa (6 MARKS)



5.1 Name two important rivers in South Africa. (2)

5.2 Why are rivers important to people? Give two reasons. (4)

QUESTION 6: ENVIRONMENT – Conservation (5 MARKS)

6.1 What is conservation? (2)

6.2 Name two ways people can protect the environment. (3)

QUESTION 7: WEATHER AND CLIMATE (6 MARKS)

7.1 What is the difference between weather and climate? (3)

7.2 Name two types of weather instruments and what they measure. (3)

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QUESTION 1: HISTORY – Early Human Tools and Uses (8 MARKS)

Tool Type	Use	Material Used
Spear	Hunting animals	Stone/Wood
Scraper	Cleaning animal skins	Stone
Knife	Cutting plants or meat	Stone
Hammerstone	Breaking nuts or bones	Stone

1.1

- Scraper — Cleaning animal skins
 - Knife — Cutting plants or meat
 - Hammerstone — Breaking nuts or bones
- (4 marks)

1.2

Stone tools were important because early humans used them to hunt, prepare food, make clothing, and protect themselves. They helped them survive and adapt to their environment.

(4 marks)

QUESTION 2: HISTORY – Khoisan People (7 MARKS)

2.1

The Khoisan were the first people of Southern Africa, known for hunting and gathering. (2 marks)

2.2

- Hunting wild animals
 - Gathering fruits and plants
- (2 marks)

2.3

They communicated using click sounds in their language and also used body language and gestures. (3 marks)

QUESTION 3: HISTORY – The Voortrekkers (6 MARKS)

3.1

The Great Trek was a movement where the Voortrekkers (Dutch farmers) moved away from the British-controlled Cape to find new land. (2 marks)

3.2

- Harsh weather
 - Attacks from local groups
- (2 marks)

3.3

It led to the establishment of new settlements and changed the map of South Africa. (2 marks)

QUESTION 4: GEOGRAPHY – South African Provinces (6 MARKS)

4.1

South Africa has 9 provinces. (1 mark)

4.2

Examples:

- Gauteng
 - KwaZulu-Natal
 - Western Cape
- (3 marks)

4.3

South Africa has three capital cities:

- Pretoria (administrative)
 - Cape Town (legislative)
 - Bloemfontein (judicial)
- (2 marks)
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QUESTION 5: GEOGRAPHY – Rivers of South Africa (6 MARKS)

5.1

- Orange River
 - Limpopo River
- (2 marks)

5.2

- Rivers provide water for drinking and farming.

- They are used for fishing and transport.
(4 marks)
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QUESTION 6: ENVIRONMENT – Conservation (5 MARKS)

6.1

Conservation means protecting and saving natural resources and the environment. (2 marks)

6.2

- Planting trees
 - Avoiding littering and pollution
 - Saving water
(3 marks)
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QUESTION 7: WEATHER AND CLIMATE (6 MARKS)

7.1

Weather is the daily condition of the air like temperature and rain. Climate is the usual weather over a long time in a place. (3 marks)

7.2

- Thermometer measures temperature.
 - Rain gauge measures rainfall.
 - Anemometer measures wind speed.
(3 marks)
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