

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 5 SOCIAL SCIENCE EXAM

MARKS: 50

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TIME: 1 hour

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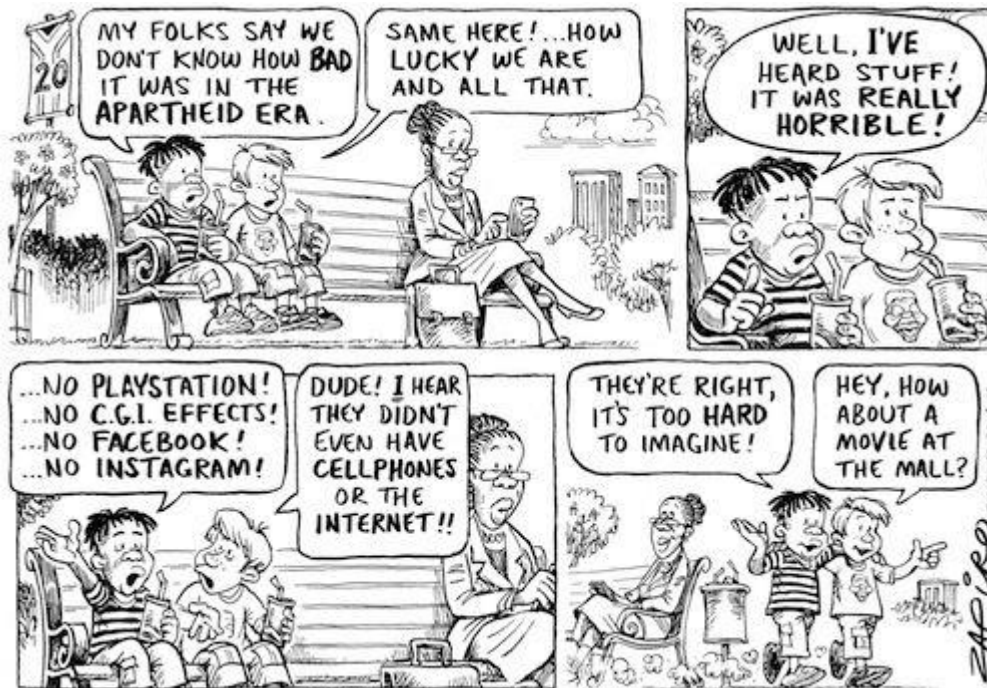
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Instructions for Students:

- > 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 the first president of South Africa? (2)

1.2 Name two groups of people who lived in South Africa before the Europeans arrived. (2)

1.3 What is apartheid? (2)

1.4 Name two things that were not allowed during apartheid. (2)

1.5 When did apartheid end in South Africa? (2)

QUESTION 2: Geography (10 Marks)

2.1 Name the four provinces of South Africa that border the Indian Ocean. (4)

2.2 What is a river? (2)

2.3 Fill in the table with the correct answers about types of settlements. (4)

Type of settlement	Example	Description (write one sentence)
Urban		
Rural		

QUESTION 3: Civics (10 Marks)

3.1 What is a constitution? (2)

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3.2 Name two rights that South African children have. (2)

3.3 What does the government do? (3)

3.4 Why is voting important? (3)

QUESTION 4: Map Work (10 Marks)



4.1 What is the capital city of South Africa? (3)

4.2 Name three neighbouring countries of South Africa. (3)

4.3 What is the purpose of a compass rose on a map? (2)

4.4 What does the symbol of a blue line on a map usually mean? (2)

QUESTION 5: Economics (10 Marks)

5.1 What is a job? (2)

5.2 Name three jobs that people do in your community. (3)

5.3 Why do people work? (2)

5.4 What is money used for? (3)

TOTAL: 50 MARKS



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QUESTION 1: History (10 Marks)

1.1 Who was the first president of South Africa?

- Nelson Mandela ✓
(2 marks)

1.2 Name two groups of people who lived in South Africa before the Europeans arrived.

- San people ✓
- Khoikhoi people ✓
(or any other correct groups like Zulu, Xhosa)
(2 marks)

1.3 What is apartheid?

- Apartheid was a system of racial segregation in South Africa.
- It separated people based on race and gave different rights.
(2 marks)

1.4 Name two things that were not allowed during apartheid.

- Mixed marriages ✓
- Voting rights for black South Africans ✓
(or use separate schools, living areas, jobs)
(2 marks)

1.5 When did apartheid end in South Africa?

- 1994 ✓
(2 marks)

QUESTION 2: Geography (10 Marks)

2.1 Name the four provinces of South Africa that border the Indian Ocean.

- KwaZulu-Natal ✓
- Eastern Cape ✓
- Western Cape ✓
- Northern Cape ✓
(4 marks)

2.2 What is a river?

- A river is a natural flowing body of water that moves towards a sea, ocean, or lake.
(2 marks)

2.3 Table answers:

Type of settlement	Example	Description (write one sentence)
Urban	Johannesburg	A city or town where many people live.
Rural	Village	A small settlement in the countryside.

(4 marks — 2 for correct examples, 2 for description)

QUESTION 3: Civics (10 Marks)

3.1 What is a constitution?

- A constitution is a set of rules that explains how a country is governed.
- It protects the rights of people.
(2 marks)

3.2 Name two rights that South African children have.

- Right to education ✓
- Right to safety and protection ✓
(or right to play, health care)
(2 marks)

3.3 What does the government do?

- Makes laws.
- Provides services like schools and hospitals.
- Protects the country.
(3 marks)

3.4 Why is voting important?

- Voting allows people to choose their leaders.
 - It is a way to have a say in how the country is run.
 - It helps keep the government accountable.
(3 marks)
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QUESTION 4: Map Work (10 Marks)

4.1 What is the capital city of South Africa?

- Pretoria (administrative) ✓
 - Bloemfontein (judicial) ✓
 - Cape Town (legislative) ✓
- Any one correct is accepted.
(3 marks)

4.2 Name three neighbouring countries of South Africa.

- Namibia ✓
 - Botswana ✓
 - Zimbabwe ✓
- (or Mozambique, Lesotho, Eswatini)
(3 marks)

4.3 What is the purpose of a compass rose on a map?

- It shows the directions (North, South, East, West).
(2 marks)

4.4 What does the symbol of a blue line on a map usually mean?

- It shows a river or stream.
(2 marks)

QUESTION 5: Economics (10 Marks)

5.1 What is a job?

- A job is work that people do to earn money.
(2 marks)

5.2 Name three jobs that people do in your community.

- Teacher ✓
 - Shopkeeper ✓
 - Farmer ✓
- (or nurse, police officer, builder)
(3 marks)

5.3 Why do people work?

- To earn money to buy things they need.

- To help their family.
(2 marks)

5.4 What is money used for?

- To buy goods and services.
- To save for the future.
- To pay for things like food, clothes, and school fees.
(3 marks)

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