

# 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)

**Topic: The Transatlantic Slave Trade**

### QUESTION 1

1.1 What was the Transatlantic Slave Trade?

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1.2 Name two continents involved in the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

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(2)

1.3 Explain one way in which the slave trade affected African societies.

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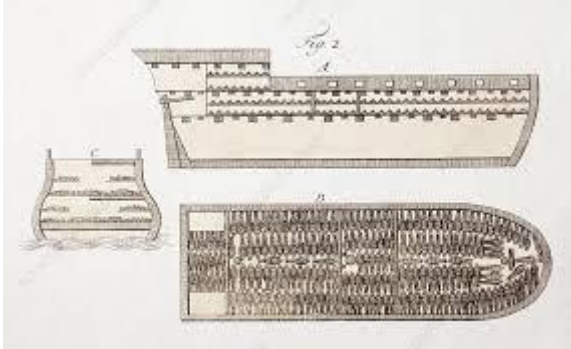
(3)

1.4 What is meant by the term "Middle Passage"?

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(2)

1.5 Study the source below and answer the questions that follow:



1.5.1 What does the image tell us about conditions on the ship?

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(2)

1.5.2 Why were slaves transported under such harsh conditions?

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(3)

1.5.3 Do you think the trade was fair or unfair? Give a reason.

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**SECTION B: GEOGRAPHY**

**(20 Marks)**  
**Topic: Settlement Geography**

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 What is a settlement?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.2 Name two types of rural settlements.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.3 Describe one characteristic of an urban settlement.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.4 Give one reason why people move from rural to urban areas.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.5 Study the image below and answer the questions:



2.5.1 Identify two challenges faced by people living in this type of settlement.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.5.2 Suggest one solution to improve conditions in informal settlements.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

2.5.3 Explain how lack of basic services can affect people's health.

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3.6 What is urbanisation?

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## SECTION C: CIVICS

(10 Marks)

**Topic: Democracy and Participation**

### QUESTION 3

3.1 What is democracy?

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3.2 Name one democratic right that South African citizens have.

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3.3 How does the Constitution help protect democracy?

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3.4 List two ways young people can participate in their communities.

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3.5 Why is freedom of speech important in a democratic country?

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**TOTAL: 50 MARKS**

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### **SECTION A: HISTORY – THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE**

**(20 Marks)**

1.1 The Transatlantic Slave Trade was the forced transportation of Africans to the Americas to work as slaves. (2)

1.2 Continents involved:

- Africa
  - Europe
  - North America / South America
- (Any two, 2 marks)

1.3 It weakened African societies by causing population loss, violence, and breaking up families and communities. (3)

1.4 The Middle Passage was the sea journey taken by slave ships from West Africa to the Americas. (2)

1.5.1 The image shows overcrowded and inhumane conditions with slaves packed closely together. (2)

1.5.2 Harsh conditions were used to transport as many slaves as possible to increase profits. (3)

1.5.3 Unfair – because people were treated as property and denied basic human rights. (Accept any well-reasoned answer.) (4)

### **SECTION B: GEOGRAPHY – SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY**

**(20 Marks)**

2.1 A settlement is a place where people live and establish a community. (2)

2.2 Types of rural settlements:

- Dispersed
  - Nucleated
  - Linear
- (Any two, 2 marks)

2.3 Urban settlements have a high population density and advanced infrastructure. (2)

2.4 People move for better jobs, education, and healthcare. (2)

### 2.5.1 Challenges:

- Poor sanitation
  - Overcrowding
  - Lack of clean water
- (Any two, 2 marks)

2.5.2 Provide housing, sanitation, clean water, electricity, or basic services. (Any valid suggestion, 2 marks)

2.5.3 Lack of clean water and sanitation can lead to diseases like cholera and poor hygiene. (3)

2.6 Urbanisation is the growth of cities as more people move from rural to urban areas. (3)

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## SECTION C: CIVICS – DEMOCRACY AND PARTICIPATION

(10 Marks)

3.1 Democracy is a system of government where people elect their leaders and have equal rights. (2)

3.2 Right to vote / freedom of speech / right to education (any one valid right) (1)

3.3 The Constitution protects rights, outlines laws, and ensures fairness and accountability in government. (2)

3.4 Ways youth can participate:

- Joining youth organisations
  - Volunteering in community projects
  - Attending school forums or meetings
- (Any two, 2 marks)

3.5 It allows people to express opinions, participate in debates, and hold leaders accountable. (3)

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