

SMARTWIZ

GRADE 7 SOCIAL SCIENCE EXAM

MARKS: 75

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TIME: 1 hour 30 minutes

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CLASS (e.g. 4A) _____

SURNAME _____

NAME _____

Instructions for Students:

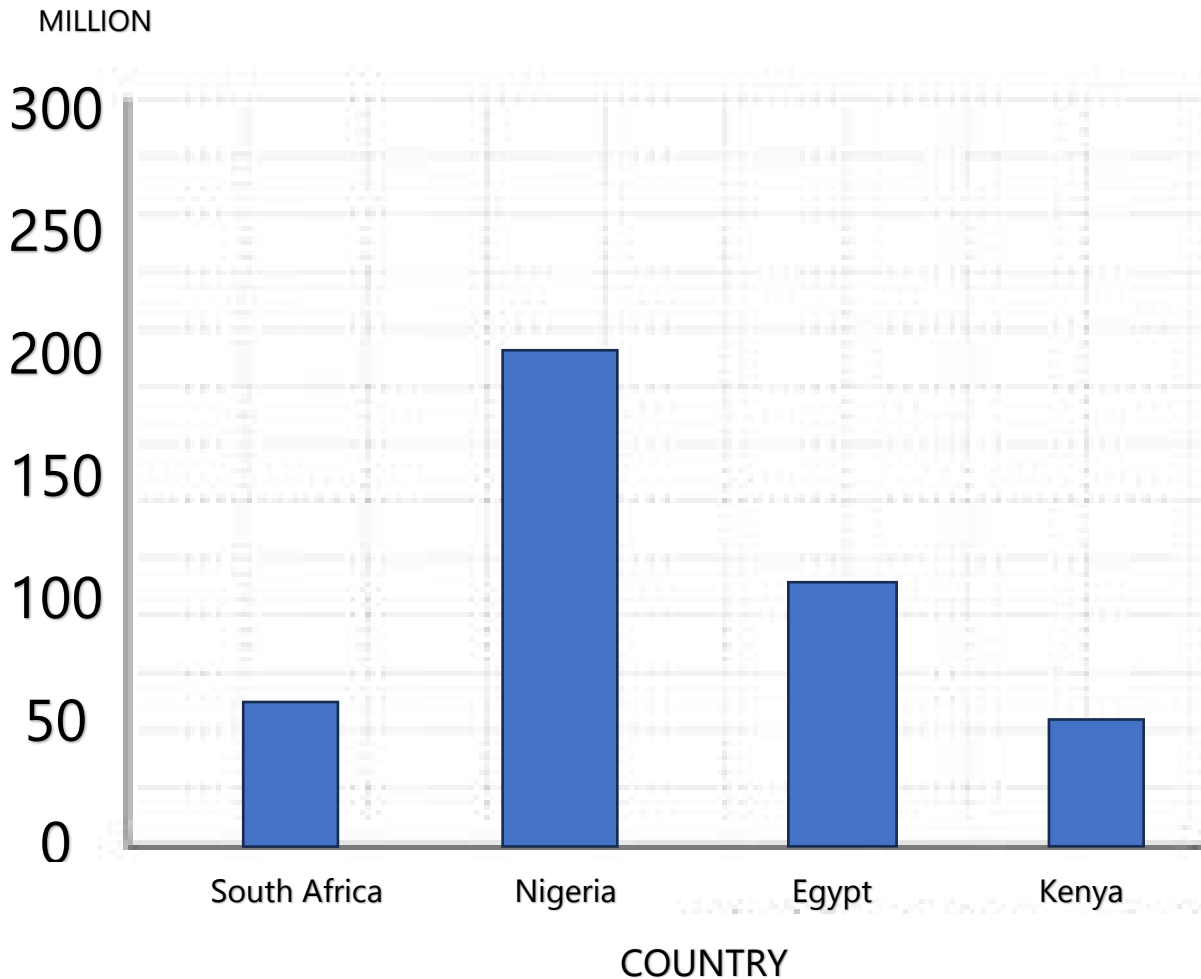
- > Read all instructions carefully before beginning the exam.
- > Write your name and student ID clearly on the answer sheet/booklet.
- > Answer all questions unless otherwise stated.
- > Show all your work/calculations where applicable.
- > Write clearly and legibly.
- > Use blue or black ink only. * 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 6 pages, excluding the cover page.

SECTION A: GEOGRAPHY (37 MARKS)

Topic: Population Growth and Settlement

1. Study the bar graph below showing the population of four countries:



1.1 Which country has the highest population?

_____ (1)

1.2 Which country has the smallest population in the graph?

_____ (1)

1.3 What is the total population of all four countries combined?

_____ (2)

1.4 Give ONE possible problem a country might face if its population grows too fast.

_____ (2)

2. Look at the picture of a rural area below:



2.1 Is this a rural or urban settlement?

_____ (1)

2.2 Name TWO features you see in the picture that support your answer.

1. _____
2. _____ (2)

2.3 List TWO reasons why people might move away from this place. (2)

1. _____
2. _____

3. Climate and Weather

Study the table showing monthly rainfall in Cape Town (in mm):

Month	Rainfall (mm)
January	10
April	40
July	110
October	30

3.1 Which month had the highest rainfall?

_____ (1)

3.2 What kind of climate does Cape Town have based on this data?

_____ (1)

3.3 What is the difference between weather and climate? (2)

4. Map Skills 🗺️



4.1 What is the capital of South Africa?
_____ (1)

4.2 In which direction is Botswana from South Africa?
_____ (1)

4.3 Name ONE physical feature you can find in southern Africa.
_____ (1)



SECTION B: HISTORY (38 MARKS)

Topic: Colonisation of the Cape (17th–18th century)

1. Study the timeline below and answer the questions:



(Timeline: 1652 – Jan van Riebeeck arrives, 1657 – First farms established, 1662 – Slaves brought to Cape)

1.1 Who arrived at the Cape in 1652?
_____ (1)

1.2 Why were the first farms created at the Cape? (2)

1.3 Where did the slaves at the Cape come from?
_____ (1)

1.4 Name TWO changes the Dutch made at the Cape.

1. _____
 2. _____ (2)
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2. Indigenous Societies Before Colonisation



2.1 Name one indigenous group that lived at the Cape before 1652.

_____ (1)

2.2 What kind of lifestyle did they follow? (e.g., farming, hunting)

_____ (1)

2.3 List TWO ways in which colonisation changed the lives of indigenous people. (2)

1. _____
 2. _____
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3. Slavery at the Cape

3.1 Why did the Dutch bring slaves to the Cape?

_____ (1)


3.2 What types of work did slaves do? List TWO.

1. _____
2. _____ (2)

3.3 What is one reason why slavery was unfair?

_____ (1)

4. Source-Based Questions

 (Source: “Slaves were not paid. They worked long hours and were punished if they disobeyed.”)

4.1 According to the source, how were slaves treated?
_____ (2)

4.2 Do you think slavery was right? Explain your opinion. (2)

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SECTION A: GEOGRAPHY (37 MARKS)

1.1 Nigeria (220 million) (1)

1.2 Kenya (55 million) (1)

1.3 Total = $60 + 220 + 110 + 55 = 445$ million (2)

1.4 Possible answers: shortage of resources, unemployment, overcrowding, pressure on schools and hospitals (any ONE) (2)

2.1 Rural settlement (1)

2.2 Any TWO of: huts, trees, animals, open space, no tall buildings, farming fields (2)

2.3 Possible answers: lack of jobs, poor services, search for better education, healthcare, natural disasters, drought (any TWO) (2)

3.1 July (110 mm) (1)

3.2 Mediterranean climate or Wet winters and dry summers (1)

3.3

- Weather: the day-to-day conditions outside (temperature, rain, wind)
 - Climate: the average weather over a long period (2)
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4.1 Pretoria (administrative capital) or Cape Town or Bloemfontein (any correct capital) (1)

4.2 North or North-west (depending on map orientation) (1)

4.3 Mountains, rivers, desert, coastlines (any ONE) (1)



SECTION B: HISTORY (38 MARKS)

1.1 Jan van Riebeeck (1)

1.2 To grow food for ships / to supply the Dutch East India Company / to settle people (any relevant explanation) (2)

1.3 Asia, East Indies, Madagascar, Mozambique (any ONE correct region) (1)

1.4 Established farms, built a fort, introduced new animals and crops, brought slaves (any TWO) (2)

2.1 Khoisan (1)

2.2 Hunter-gatherers or pastoralists or small-scale farming (1)

2.3 Loss of land, forced labour, new diseases, cultural changes (any TWO) (2)

3.1 To provide labour for farming and household work (1)

3.2 Farming, domestic work, building, mining (any TWO) (2)

3.3 They were treated as property, had no freedom, were forced to work without pay (any ONE) (1)

4.1 Slaves worked long hours without pay and were punished if disobedient; they were treated unfairly and harshly (2)

4.2 Opinion-based but should mention slavery was cruel, unfair, against human rights (2)

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