



PSL SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT
GRADE 9 TERM 1 2026
SOCIAL STUDIES
1 hr 30 Min

LEARNER'S NAME: _____

WORKSPACE CODE: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LEARNER:

Write your name and date in the spaces provided above.

This question paper consists of two sections: **A** and **B**.

Answer all questions in Section B in the spaces provided in this question paper

Show all the workings in section B in the spaces provided

Non programmable calculators may be used, except where stated otherwise.

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

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Question Numbers (1-40)	Score
Learner's Score	
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SECTION A (20 Marks)

1. Social studies is an important subject that makes a learner into an effective citizen. Which one of the following is another reason for studying the subject?

- A. To enable learners to conduct experiments
- B. To enable learners to develop critical thinking skills.
- C. To enable the learners to understand their religion.
- D. To enable learners to understand the laws of nature.

2. During a social studies lesson the teacher displayed a chart with career opportunities related to social studies in Kenya and globally, which of the careers displayed involves the study of human remains and tools?

- A. Geology
- B. Meteorology
- C. Archaeology
- D. Cartography

3. Grade seven learners had a visit to the meteorological department of Kenya to study about weather and weather predictions, they were taken through the factors considered in siting a weather station, which factor is least considered?

- A. Gently sloping land.
- B. Security and accessibility
- C. Nearness to tall buildings
- D. Area free from flooding

4. Grade seven learners had a discussion on sources of historical information after a visit to a museum, which of the following did they classify as a secondary source of historical information?

- A. Photographs
- B. Autobiography
- C. Paintings
- D. Biography

5. Grade seven learners developed a poster on forms of oral traditions used to record traditional stories about the origin of humankind. Which of the following is not among the oral traditions?

- A. Artefacts
- B. Myths
- C. Stories
- D. Proverbs

6. A plane took off at Addis Ababa at 8:20AM on longitude 40° E. At what time will it land in Abuja 10°E?

- A. 10:20 AM
- B. 6:20 AM
- C. 6:20 PM
- D. 5:00 AM

7. Grade 8 learners conducted research on effects of rotation and revolution, which of the following is an effect of movement of the earth around the sun?

- A. Day and night occurrence
- B. Occurrence of summer and winter

- C. Rise and fall of tides
- D. Different in time in different longitudes.

8. Grade 7 learners carried out library research on factors that led to the development of Indian Ocean slave trade, which of the following is the least contributing factor?

- A. Presence of pack animals
- B. Boat making technology
- C. Availability of deep natural harbors
- D. Availability of slaves.

9. Grade 8 learners conducted a field study on factors that influence human activities in the school neighborhood, give the most suitable method of data collection they used?

- A. Questionnaire
- B. Counting
- C. Tabulation
- D. Photographing

10. After watching a video clip, grade 7 learners developed a chart on areas where early agriculture was practiced in Eastern Africa, which area are they not likely to include in the chart?

- A. Faiyum
- B. Konso
- C. Iraqw
- D. Marakwet

11. Money was first used as a medium of exchange in the 19th century, which of the following features of money made it a good medium of exchange?

- A. Durability and divisibility
- B. Transaction of goods and services
- C. Uniformity across nations
- D. Ready availability.

12. Grade 9 learners had a career talk, which of the following is the least requirements for social sciences pathways in senior school as discussed?

- A. History and citizenship
- B. Languages and literature
- C. Mathematics and sciences
- D. Christian religious education.

13. Bidii Junior school engaged a resource person to discuss the significance of pre-career mapping for individual growth, which one of the following is not likely to be a significance?

- A. Helps individuals to identify their strength, interest, values and personality traits
- B. Empowers young people to make informed decisions
- C. Helps learners to set unrealistic and unachievable career goals.

D. Enable learners to acquire necessary skills, education and expertise.

14. Grade 9 learners conducted digital research on the socio-economic practices of early humans in Africa during the Stone Age period, which of the following is correct practices of the middle Stone Age period?

- A. Invention of fire and language
- B. Agriculture and domestication of animals
- C. Ate raw meat, fruits and roots
- D. Hunted small animals such as birds and rodents.

15. Amani, a Kenyan citizen has always wanted to be a surgeon, she was offered a scholarship in the University of South Africa where she moved and settled. Which type of migration did Amani practice?

- A. Immigration
- B. Rural - urban
- C. Emigration
- D. Urban –urban

16. Swahili civilization refers to the culture and society that developed along the coast of East Africa, it was characterized by the following except?

- A. Kiswahili language
- B. Swahili dishes
- C. Arabs and Persians dressing
- D. Christianity religion

17. After an education visit to the Kenya national assembly grade 8 learners developed a chart on the roles of legislature, which of the following roles did they state as the main?

SECTION B (70 Marks)

21. A grade nine teacher used a map shown to facilitate learning on Historical sites and monuments, use it to answer the following questions?



a) Identify the historical site marked X? (1mk)

b) Identify the island country marked H? (1mk)

- A. Making laws
- B. Promoting justice
- C. Implementing government policies
- D. Approving the budget

18. Grade 8 learners visited the coast of Kenya during their educational trip; they discovered the following characteristics of mangrove vegetation except?

- A. Trees are evergreen
- B. Trees have deep tap roots
- C. Trees grow to medium height
- D. Trees grow in muddy, shallow salty waters.

19. During a social studies lesson learners held a discussion on situations leading to family conflicts, which of the following factors is the odd one out?

- A. Parental comparison between siblings
- B. Siblings rivalry
- C. Equal distribution of house chores
- D. Poor communication

20. There are several factors that influence a person's self-esteem in day-to-day life, which of the following factors influences a person's self-esteem negatively?

- A. Positive interactions such as empathy and acts of kindness
- B. Accomplishing personal goals
- C. Negative body image
- D. A supportive environment

c) State any three factors that led to the development of the kingdom marked w? (3mks)

d). State three characteristics of the vegetation marked Z (3mks)

22. Grade 8 learners had a debate on qualities of a global citizen in the modern society, write down any three qualities they highlighted (3mks)

23. Grade 7 learners watched a documentary on the early civilization in Africa, give three contributions of early African civilizations to the modern world? (3mk)

24. Grade 8 carried out library research on changes that took place in humans as a result of evolution and made a poster on the changes, state four changes they highlighted? (4mk)

25. During a social studies lesson a resource person gave a talk on effects of migration in Africa, write down three effects mentioned? (3 mks)

26. Grade 8 learners held a discussion on types of scales used in map reading and interpretation and identify the three types of scales that they discussed? (3marks)

27. Grade 8 learners conducted library research on Historical sites and monuments in Africa, state the name of the historical monuments described below? (3 mks)

a). Monument tomb of ancient kingdom of Egypt

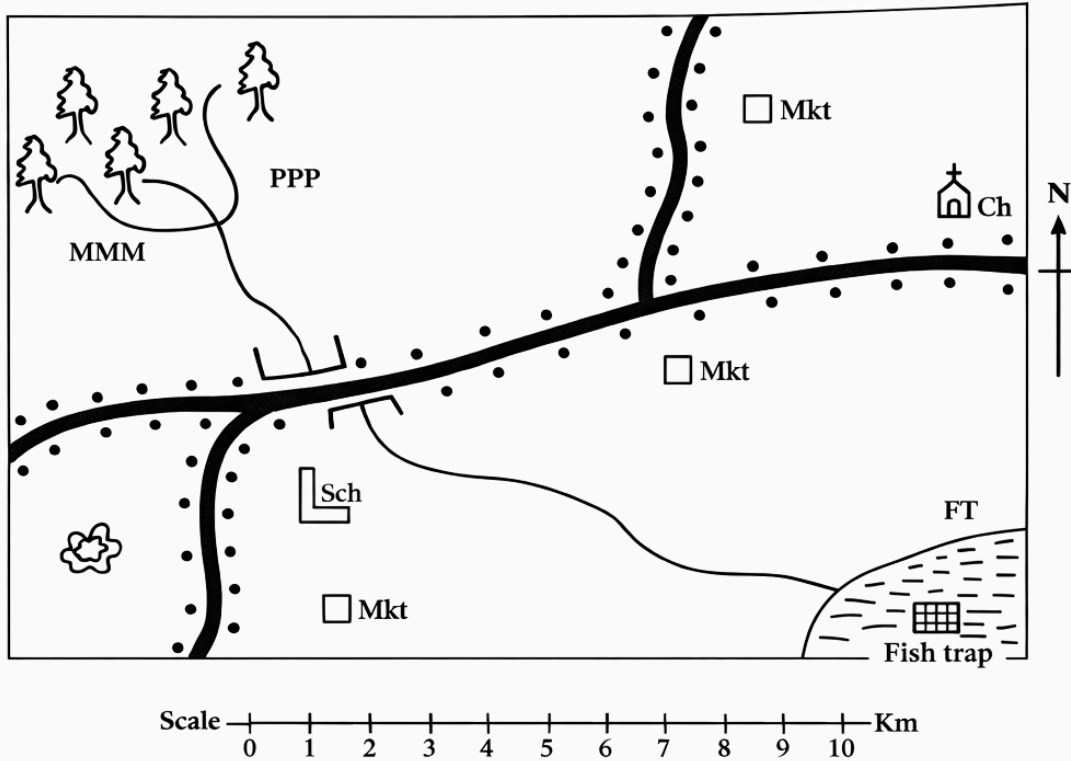
b). An island prison where political and freedom fighters were detained

c). Used as a watch tower by Portuguese to store their goods and weapons

28. Grade 8 learners were asked by their social studies teacher to state four effects of Trans- Saharan slave trade, which response did they give? (4 mks)

USE THE MAP BELOW TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOLLOWING:

MBIRO AREA



KEY

MMM Maize farms	PPP Pyrethrum farms	□ Mkt	└┘ Sch
•••• Settlement	⊕ Ch Church	⊗ Quarry	FT School
— Tarmac road	— — River and bridge	🌲🌲 Forest	🌲🌲 Forest

29. (a) Identify the settlement pattern in Mbiro area ? (1mark)

(b) What is the direction of the quarry from the church? (1mark)

(c) which is the main form of transport in Mbiro area? (1mark)

(d) The religion practiced by people in Mbiro area is? (1mark)

(e) identify 4 economic activities carried out in Mbiro area? (4marks)

(f) Identify any social amenity in Mbiro area? (1mark)

(g) The climate in the North western part of Mbiro area is? (1mark)

30. Currency trade is globally accepted, highlight four transformations brought by the introduction of money in Africa? (4marks)

31. After watching a video clip on effects of Rotation and Revolution, grade 7 learners were asked to state 3 effects of revolution of the earth, state the revolution effects stated? (3marks)

32. During a school career day talk a resource person gave a talk on career choices and pathways selection in senior school, highlight 4 factors considered in selection of pathways in senior school? (4marks)

33. After a discussion on pre-career support systems, learners were asked to highlight available pre-career support systems in a poster, state 3 available pre-career support systems as stated? (3marks)

34. Africa is the cradle of humanity, highlight 4 factors in support of this claim? (4marks)

35. Grade 8 learners conducted a Library research on Nobel prize winners, state 4 similarities of wangari maathai and Mahatma Gandhi in the fight against social injustices in the society? (4marks)

36. Tuaregs played key roles in the Trans-Saharan trading activities, highlight 3 roles of Tuaregs in Trans-Saharan trading activities? (3marks)

37. Agriculture was one of the practices in early African civilizations, state 3 irrigation methods used in ancient Egypt agriculture? (3marks)

38. The Berlin conference chaired by Otto von Bismarck in 1884- 1885 led to the partitioning of Africa, State any 4 Berlin terms discussed and agreed upon during the conference? (4marks)

39. Constitution is the supreme law of a country or an institution, state the first 3 chapters of the Constitution of Kenya? (3marks)

40. Population growth is the increase in the number of people living in a particular Geographical area, state four factors that have led to population growth in Africa? (4marks)
