

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 6

(Test items developed for skills measured in ITBS03)

Skills

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| 1.0 History | 4.0 Government |
| 1.1 Culture | 4.1 Social Structure |
| 1.2 People | 4.2 Systems |
| 1.3 Conflict/Cooperation | 4.3 Rights/Responsibilities |
| 1.4 Change/Chronology | 4.4 Point of View |
| 2.0 Geography | 5.0 Maps/Diagrams |
| 2.1 Features | 5.1 Locate Information |
| 2.2 Human/Environment | 5.2 Interpretation |
| 3.0 Economics | 5.3 Analyze |
| 3.1 Work | 6.0 Thinking Skills |
| 3.2 Needs vs. Wants | 6.1 Social Studies |
| 3.3 Technology | 6.2 Maps/Diagrams |
| 3.4 Interdependence | |
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Approximate testing time: 60 minutes

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FORM A**

DIRECTIONS: Read each question. Select the best answer.

SAMPLE A

Which of these people is not a public servant?

- A. School teacher
- B. Building inspector
- C. Store clerk
- D. Animal control officer

1. The United Nations was created at the end of World War II. Which of these was the purpose of the United Nations?
 - A. To make all people speak the same language
 - B. To promote peace
 - C. To make countries not get along
 - D. To keep up with which countries are enemies
2. An agreement called the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect in 1993 between Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Which of these best describes the purpose of that agreement?
 - A. It was to make sure these countries did not trade with any one else.
 - B. It was to increase taxes on traded goods.
 - C. It was to increase trade between these countries by lowering taxes on traded goods.
 - D. It was to keep these countries from trading with each other.
3. Why did they build the Panama Canal?
 - A. To provide a quicker and safer route between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean
 - B. To make it harder to go from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean
 - C. To find a closer way to get to North America
 - D. To make it easier to go from the Arctic Ocean to the Indian Ocean
4. Why did the Shang use oracle bones?
 - A. To worship gods
 - B. To show friendship
 - C. To predict the future
 - D. To make jewelry
5. Which of these is true because of all of the medical advances?
 - A. People do not live as long as they used to.
 - B. They did not have any effect on people's lives.
 - C. It is easier for people to become doctors.
 - D. People live longer, healthier lives.
6. Which of these best describes a peninsula?
 - A. An island completely surrounded by water
 - B. Land that has no water near it
 - C. Land that is surrounded by water on three sides
 - D. Water with land in the middle of it
7. What do countries gain by exporting goods to other countries?
 - A. An enemy
 - B. A place to buy goods they need
 - C. A place to sell goods in order to gain money for them
 - D. Another country to charge taxes to