

**SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS**

**FOR**

**PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 7**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in ITBS03)*

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**Skills**

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.0 History              | 4.0 Government         |
| 1.1 Culture              | 4.1 Social Structure   |
| 1.2 People               | 4.2 Laws and Systems   |
| 1.3 Conflict/Cooperation | 4.3 Citizenship        |
| 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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Number of questions: 71  
Number of pages: 16  
Approximate testing time: 60 minutes

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**ITBS03 PRACTICE TEST IN SOCIAL STUDIES - GRADE 7  
FORM A**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read each question. Select the best answer.

**SAMPLE**

Which of these people is *not* a public servant?

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

1. After the Civil War, the Freedmen's Bureau was formed. Why was this Bureau so important to the African Americans?
  - A. The Bureau provided daycare for children of working parents.
  - B. African Americans were taught only to be teachers.
  - C. The Bureau helped them adjust to their new freedom.
  - D. The Civil War families were needing help finding lost friends.
2. Which best describes the reason workers' compensation laws were established?
  - A. Workers were now able to force their employers to provide insurance.
  - B. The factories attempted to raise the age for a worker to 18.
  - C. Frequently, workers and employers were seen talking and discussing safety conditions.
  - D. It provided better work conditions, insurance, and compensation for injured workers.
3. Why do people live only on a small fraction of the earth?
  - A. The other land is not usable.
  - B. The other land is owned by private landowners.
  - C. The other land has been planted in crops.
  - D. The other land is too valuable to live on.

4. What single machine has changed modern life the most?
  - A. Sewing machine
  - B. Dishwasher
  - C. Automobile
  - D. Telephone
5. What was the goal of the North American Free Trade Agreement?
  - A. Break down trade barriers
  - B. Keep tariffs on goods
  - C. Keep quotas on goods
  - D. Stop the flow of goods between countries
6. Why is the Nile River important to Egypt?
  - A. It is about to dry up.
  - B. It provides 85% of the country's water.
  - C. It is so crowded near the Nile.
  - D. It floods over the cities and villages every year.

Use the cartoon below to answer questions 7 and 8.



7. The cartoonist always chooses a position in their cartoons. What is this cartoonist supporting?
  - A. Women should be prisoners.
  - B. He demonstrates the influence of the Boston Tea Party.
  - C. Women suffered at the hands of men during the growth of the United States.
  - D. Indians were having a hard time surviving since the settlers had arrived.