

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 8

(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 Citizenship |
| 1.4 Change/Chronology | 4.4 Point of View |
| 2.0 Geography | 5.0 Maps/Diagrams |
| 2.1 Feature | 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 | |

Number of questions: 74
Number of pages: 15
Approximate testing time: 60 minutes

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**ITBS03 PRACTICE TEST IN SOCIAL STUDIES - GRADE 8
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. Which best describes the life in the United States with the invention of the cotton gin, assembly line, and railroads?
 - A. The growth of industry leads to economic changes.
 - B. The growth of industry causes workers to lose their jobs.
 - C. The growth of industry gives workers leisure time.
 - D. The growth of industry produced more competition between the North and South.
2. Different industries developed in the New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies. Why did these differences occur?
 - A. The colonists had different religions.
 - B. The colonists had different founders.
 - C. The colonists had different natural resources.
 - D. The colonists had very different cultures.
3. Which was *not* a cause of the Bank Panic of 1837?
 - A. Easy bank loans encourage land speculation.
 - B. Federal government ends deposits in private banks.
 - C. Jackson requires specie for government land purchases.
 - D. Speculators lose money and cannot repay bank loans.
4. Which is *not* an effect of the meeting of the First Continental Congress?
 - A. Colonies approve protests in Boston
 - B. Colonies ban trade with Great Britain
 - C. Delegates agree not to meet again
 - D. Congress appeals directly to King George III for relief
5. The discovery of gold in California led to which of the following?
 - A. Increased western expansion and foreign immigration
 - B. Discovery of gold in the Black Hills of the Dakotas
 - C. Annexation of California as a slave state
 - D. War with Mexico over the independence of California
6. Which would *not* be a power held by the judicial branch of the government?
 - A. Makes appointments to federal posts
 - B. Creates lower federal courts
 - C. Can impeach and remove judges
 - D. Approves appointments of federal judges
7. Why is the Federal Trade Commission so important to consumers?
 - A. It protects people from unsafe foods, medicine, and other drugs.
 - B. It ensures that advertising and sales practices are ethical, truthful, and fair.
 - C. It protects investors against fraud in the securities trade.
 - D. It monitors business practices and punishes violators.