

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 8

(Test items developed for skills measured in LA03)

Skills

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| 1.0 | Geography | 3.0 | Economics |
| 1.1 | The World in Spatial Terms | 3.1 | Fundamental Economic Concepts |
| 1.2 | Places and Regions | 3.2 | Individuals, Households,
Businesses, and Governments |
| 1.3 | Physical and Human Systems | 3.3 | The Economy as a Whole |
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| 2.0 | Civics | 4.1 | United States History |
| 2.1 | Structure and Purposes of
Government | 4.2 | World History |
| 2.2 | Foundations of the American
Political System | 4.3 | Louisiana History |
| 2.3 | International Relationships | | |
| 2.4 | Roles of the Citizen | | |
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**LA03 PRACTICE TEST IN SOCIAL STUDIES - GRADE 8
FORM A**

Part 1

Read each question. Choose the correct answer and mark your answer sheet.

1. Which of the following type of taxes is NOT collected by the federal government?
 - A. income tax
 - B. sales tax
 - C. social security tax
 - D. tariffs

2. The "Second Great Awakening" renewed the growth of Protestant denominations. What other good things came from this religious movement?
 - A. The start of diverse religious groups
 - B. Building of new churches, colleges, universities, and orphanages
 - C. Roman Catholic churches formed small prayer groups.
 - D. Churches were built out in the rural areas.

3. Many Americans did not want to live in the South or Southwest regions of the United States. What was introduced to entice Americans to move to these regions?
 - A. more recreational facilities were opened
 - B. telephone service was cheaper
 - C. introduction of air conditioning
 - D. jobs were opening up on the coast

4. A small group of neighborhood children have decided to earn some money by selling homemade cookies by the dozen to people in their neighborhood. Which of the four basic economic questions have they failed to consider?
 - A. What should we produce?
 - B. How much should we produce?
 - C. How should we produce it?
 - D. Who gets what is produced?

5. Laura registered to vote on her 18th birthday, but she doesn't know much about the political issues in her county and state. In order to vote wisely, Laura should
 - A. vote for the same political party every time she votes
 - B. start reading local and state newspapers
 - C. establish her own political party and run for office
 - D. participate in rallies and marches

6. Alicia is doing a research report on the geography of Louisiana. She wants to show the relationship between rivers and cities within the state. Which two types of maps should she use?
 - A. physical and historical
 - B. elevation and political
 - C. political and physical
 - D. distribution and historical

7. Why did the earliest civilizations domesticated crops appear in certain areas, such as Egypt and Mesopotamia?
 - A. People were simply more advanced there.
 - B. People were afraid to live anywhere else.
 - C. Rivers provided accessible means of irrigation.
 - D. Tribal priests instructed them to do so.