

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 6  
SHORT FORM A**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in STANFORD10)*

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*Skills*

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1.0 History                             | 5.0 Related Processes        |
| 1.1 Individuals/Groups/<br>Institutions | 5.1 Application              |
| 2.0 Geography                           | 5.2 Working with Information |
| 2.1 Human/Environment                   | 5.3 Cause/Effect             |
| 3.0 Political Science                   | 6.0 Thinking Skills          |
| 3.1 Government and Society              | 6.1 History                  |
| 4.0 Economics                           | 6.2 Geography                |
| 4.1 Economic Concepts                   | 6.3 Political Science        |
|   | 6.4 Economics                |
|   | 6.5 Application              |
|   | 6.6 Working with Information |
|   | 6.7 Cause/Effect             |

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Number of questions: 30  
Number of pages: 6  
Approximate testing time: 19 minutes

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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. How did the climate of North America affect the development of agriculture?
  - A. The people followed the herds of animals from place to place.
  - B. Different climates were suitable for growing different crops.
  - C. The people had to hunt for all their food.
  - D. There wasn't enough rain to grow any crops.
2. The Sioux probably used which goods to barter with other tribes?
  - A. Animal hides
  - B. Salmon
  - C. Corn
  - D. Farming tools
3. How did Hatshepsut become the first female ruler known in history?
  - A. She was born into a royal family.
  - B. She conquered the kingdom.
  - C. Her husband, the pharaoh, died.
  - D. She was elected by the people.
4. Early people in Africa found that certain wild plants could be--
  - A. used to make stone rivers
  - B. planted in rivers
  - C. used to improve technology
  - D. grown to be useful
5. During which period of history did Christianity begin?
  - A. The Roman Republic
  - B. The Etruscan Rule
  - C. The Roman Empire
  - D. The Byzantium Empire
6. In a democratic government,--
  - A. state and local governments have all the powers of the federal government
  - B. the Supreme Court is responsible for making laws
  - C. power is shared by different branches of government and political parties
  - D. individual citizens cannot influence the political process