

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

**PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 9
SHORT FORM A**

(Test items developed for skills measured in STANFORD10)

Skills

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

Number of questions: 30

Number of pages: 8

Approximate testing time: 19 minutes

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Directions: Read each question. Choose the correct answer and mark your choice on your answer sheet.

SAMPLE A

Many immigrants came to the United States--

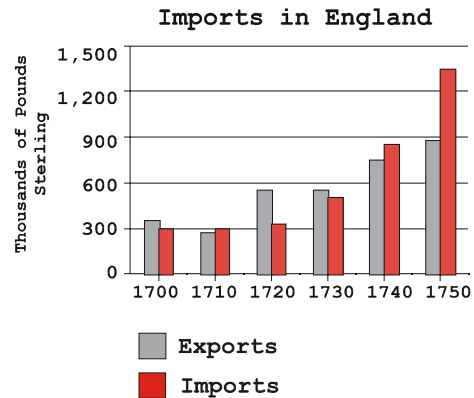
- A. to escape religious persecution
- B. to seek political freedom
- C. to find jobs
- D. all of the above

1. Early explorers launched voyages to new places for all of the following reasons except--
 - A. Europeans wanted luxury goods and spices from Africa
 - B. church leaders wanted to send goods and spices from Africa
 - C. European monarchs wanted to impoverish their countries
 - D. to break the monopoly of Arab and Italian traders

2. Which official is usually appointed to office for a life term to avoid the pressure of popular opinion?
 - A. President
 - B. Federal judges
 - C. Governors
 - D. Senators

3. During the election of 1888, imposing a tariff on foreign goods was a major issue. Who benefitted the most from the tariff?
 - A. American farmers
 - B. American consumers
 - C. American importers
 - D. American manufacturers

4. What was the value of imports from England in 1710?



- A. Almost 300 pounds sterling
 - B. Almost 3000 pounds sterling
 - C. Almost 300,000 pounds sterling
 - D. Almost 3,000,000 pounds sterling
5. Which was a strategy used by the Ku Klux Klan to keep African Americans from voting?
 - A. The members formed human chains to block the doors of the voting places.
 - B. The Ku Klux Klan took many African Americans hostage.
 - C. Troops made massive arrests of African Americans.
 - D. The Ku Klux Klan resorted to brutal beatings and murders of African Americans.

 6. Which came about as a result of the expansion of the railroad?
 - A. Increased buffalo herds
 - B. New towns and settlements in the west
 - C. New and better homes for immigrants
 - D. More natural resources were conserved