

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 9
(Test items developed for skills measured in TERRA NOVA (CTBS)*)

Skills

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| 1.0 Geography | 4.0 Economic Perspectives |
| 1.1 Process | 4.1 Process Skills |
| 1.2 Location | 4.2 Production/Distribution/
Consumption |
| 1.3 Human-Environment | 4.3 Science/Technology/Society |
| 2.0 Historical and Cultural
Perspectives | 5.0 Thinking Skills |
| 2.1 Study of Time, Continuity, and
Societal Change Throughout
History | 5.1 Generate Ideas |
| 2.2 Contributions/Influences/
Interactions of Various
Cultures | 5.2 Gather Information |
| 3.0 Civics/Government Perspectives | 5.3 Organize Information |
| 3.1 Basic Concepts | 5.4 Analyze Information |
| 3.2 Democratic Process, etc. | 5.5 Evaluate Outcomes |
| 3.3 Purpose of Government | 5.6 Synthesize Elements |
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Terra Nova PRACTICE TEST IN SOCIAL STUDIES - GRADE 9

Directions: Refer to the following chart on ecosystems to answer Numbers 1 through 4.

ECOSYSTEM	VEGETATION	CLIMATE	LOCATION
Tundra	Stunted grasses, mosses, lichens	Cool-summer polar	Alaska, Canada, Greenland, Norway, U.S.S.R.
Needleleaf Forest	Spruces, larches pines, hemlocks, firs	Humid subtropical, cool-summer polar, humid cold, dry-summer subtropical	U.S., Canada, U.S.S.R., China, Australia, New Zealand
Broadleaf Forest	Oak, maple, birch, poplar	Moderate, mid-latitude climate with enough rain	North America, Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, South America
Rain Forest	Lush plant life, hardwoods, ferns, vines	Year-round humid tropical	Caribbean and South Pacific, Central and South America, Africa, India, S.E. Asia, Australia
Prairie	Tall grasses, Wheat, Corn	Moderate, mid-latitude climate with some rain	U.S. and Canadian Midwest, Argentine Pampas, U.S.S.R.
Steppe	Short grasses, sparse plant life	Semiarid	Mongolia, U.S. and Canadian Great Plains, parts of U.S.S.R.
Savanna	Tall grasses, baobabs, acacias	Dry-winter humid, tropical	South America, Africa, Southeast Asia, Australia
Desert	Sparse, hardy vegetation such as saguaro cactus	Arid	Sahara in North Africa, Kalahari in southern Africa, Atacama in South America, Gobi in Asia, U.S. Great Basin, Patagonian in Argentina

1. Which statement would be true according to the information given on this chart?

- A. Plants grow abundantly in South America and Southeast Asia.
- B. Heavy coats and winter clothing are necessary for those people living in the Savanna regions.
- C. Umbrellas are never needed in the Broadleaf Forest ecosystem.
- D. Watering lawns is essential for thriving grass if you live in a Needleleaf Forest ecosystem.

2. Which area probably exports a large number of flowers?

- A. South America
- B. Australia
- C. South Pacific
- D. Canadian Great Plains