

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE ITEMS FOR

PRACTICE TEST, SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 11
(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/Investigation | 4.1 | Process Skills |
| 1.2 | Human-Environment | 4.2 | Production/Distribution/
Consumption |
| 2.0 | Historical and Cultural
Perspectives | 4.3 | Science/Technology/Society |
| 2.1 | Study of Time, Continuity,
and Societal Change
Throughout History | 5.0 | Thinking Skills |
| 2.2 | Contributions/Influences/
Interactions of Various
Cultures | 5.1 | Generate Ideas |
| 3.0 | Civics and Government
Perspectives | 5.2 | Gather Information |
| 3.1 | Basic Concepts | 5.3 | Organize Information |
| 3.2 | Democratic Process, etc. | 5.4 | Analyze Information |
| 3.3 | Purpose of Government | 5.5 | Evaluate Outcomes |
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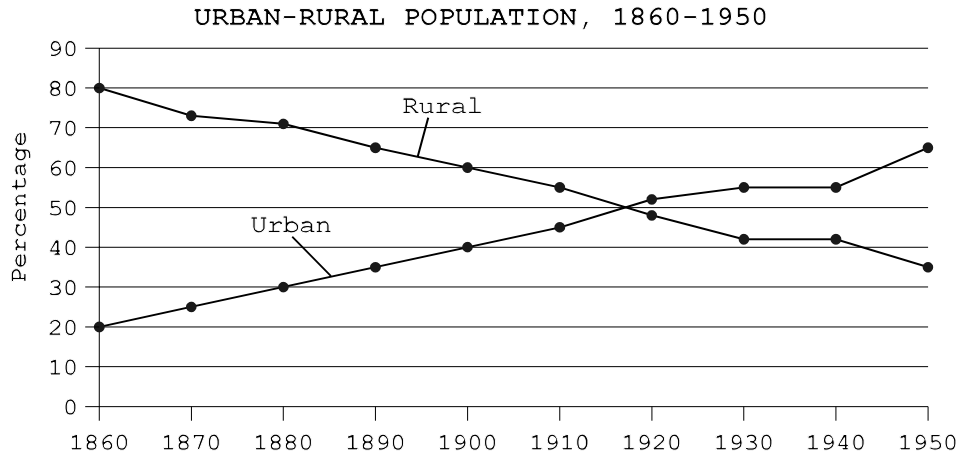
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Number of pages: 10
Approximate testing time: 40 minutes
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TERRA NOVA PRACTICE TEST IN SOCIAL STUDIES - GRADE 11

Use the line graph below to answer question 1.



1. Which of these statements best describes what happened to the percentage of urban population between 1860 and 1950?
- It declined steadily.
 - It decreased and then increased.
 - It increased and then decreased.
 - It increased steadily.

Americans use about three billion barrels of oil a year. Experts are concerned because we use so much. At the rate we are going, we will run out of oil in about seventy years. And it takes about two million years to make all the oil we use in one year.

2. Based on the information you read in the paragraph, which of the following inferences can most reasonably be drawn?
- Americans use more oil than all the rest of the world.
 - Americans can't expect nature to make enough new oil soon.
 - We will run out of oil in about 2 million years.
 - All the oil in this country equals about three billion barrels.

3. What would most likely happen if the monsoons failed to come to tropical Asia?
- People would be driven indoors for days at a time.
 - Farmers would have to begin terracing their land.
 - The region would become dry and barren.
 - Much of the region would flood.
4. A very dry environment's resources might be improved if people
- change the climate
 - move to a damper area
 - modify the environment
 - change their values
5. Which of the following was not used as a source for the U.S. Constitution?
- English Bill of Rights*
 - English Petition of Rights*
 - Monroe Doctrine*
 - Magna Carta*
6. Which of the following is not an example of the checks and balances contained in the Constitution?
- the president's ability to veto a bill passed by Congress
 - the separation of powers
 - the supremacy clause
 - Congress' ability to override a presidential veto