

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 6

(Test items developed for skills measured in STANFORD10)

Skills

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| 1.0 History | 5.0 Related Processes |
| 1.1 Individuals/Groups/
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: 40

Number of pages: 8

Approximate testing time: 25 minutes

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FORM A

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