Test Administrator Instructions:

This practice test has one subpart. It is recommended that you print one copy of this practice test and pull the answer key before copying and distributing the practice test to your students. The answer key is found at the end of the practice test.

There will not be an operational social studies test for students in grades 3–8 in 2016–17. However, all students will participate in a mandatory social studies field test. Testing times for the field test will be approximately 50 minutes. This field test will be administered during the same window as the operational assessments at the end of the school year. The field test will not have a written response portion.
Directions

This Practice Test booklet contains multiple-choice items in Grade 3 Social Studies. You must write your answers to the practice test items in your separate answer document.

You may use this test booklet for scratch paper or to make notes. However, you must write your answers in the separate answer document to receive credit. Nothing you write in this test booklet will be scored.

1. Look at the graph and answer the question below.

If the recent pattern in the graph continues, when will Australia’s total exports first reach 300 billion dollars?

A. between the years 2002 and 2003
B. between the years 2006 and 2007
C. between the years 2012 and 2013
D. between the years 2016 and 2017
2. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which city is in the shaded region of Tennessee?
A. Chattanooga  
B. Knoxville  
C. Memphis  
D. Murfreesboro

3. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which city is located at the X?
A. Charleston  
B. New York  
C. Knoxville  
D. Miami
4. Look at the diagram and answer the question below.

Which best completes the diagram showing who controls power?

A. Political Parties  
B. The President  
C. Legislature  
D. The People

5. Look at the list and answer the question below.

In which South American region are these resources scarce?

A. the Atacama Desert  
B. the Patagonian Plains  
C. the Orinoco River Delta  
D. the Amazon River Basin
6. Read the chart and answer the question below.

Which step in making paper is missing from this chart?

A. Paper is sold in a store.
B. Trees are cut into lumber.
C. Logs are shipped to the factory.
D. Wood chips are used in fireplaces.
7. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which statement about the shaded region is true?

A. The longest river in this region is the Nile.
B. The biggest desert in this region is the Sahara.
C. The lowest elevation in this region is the Dead Sea.
D. The highest mountain in this range is Mount Everest.
8. Look at the chart below and answer the question.

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In which way is the president of the United States similar to the prime minister of Canada?

A. The president is a member of the Senate.
B. The president is the head of the government.
C. The president is elected for a set period of time.
D. The president has powers which are written down.
9. Look at the maps and answer the question below.

What do these maps show about Hawaii?

A. how far it is from the mainland United States
B. which countries it most likely trades with
C. how its size compares to other states
D. why the United States made it a state
10. Which resource is most scarce in the northern part of Europe?
   A. seafood for food and export
   B. lumber for building and export
   C. water for planting and factories
   D. sunlight for farming and warmth

11. Look at the chart and answer the question below.

Kenya and Uganda are major trade partners. Based on the chart, which resource would Kenya most likely import from Uganda?
   A. cotton
   B. fish
   C. oil
   D. tea
Which information can be determined from both the newspaper article and John D. Rockefeller’s text?

A. the senator who proposed the law making Mothers’ Day an official holiday
B. the president who signed the law making Mothers’ Day an official holiday
C. the name of the person who came up with the idea for Mother’s Day
D. the number of countries where Mothers’ Day is celebrated
13. Look at the graph and answer the question below.

Which is true about trading between the United States and other countries?

A. The United States imports more cars than anything else.
B. Food is one of the largest trade items for the United States.
C. Fuel is imported less by the United States than any other item.
D. The United States exports more factory supplies than it imports.
14. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which of the following statements is correct?

A. Santa Fe, New Mexico, is about 500 miles from Raleigh, North Carolina.
B. Little Rock, Arkansas, is west of the Pacific Ocean.
C. California is about 250 miles from South Dakota.
D. The Gulf of Mexico is west of Florida.
15. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which two states are west of California?

A. Alaska and Hawaii
B. Texas and Oklahoma
C. Montana and Wyoming
D. Oregon and New Mexico
16. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which physical feature is shown by the star?

A. strait  
B. delta  
C. island  
D. peninsula

17. Which phrase describes the main purpose of government?

A. to explore new land  
B. to raise taxes and fines  
C. to start new businesses  
D. to provide law and order
18. Look at the newspaper headline and answer the question below.

![Newspaper Headline](image)

Which headline shows an event **most** like the one above?

A. New Judge on the Court  
B. New Leader Takes Over the Senate  
C. New President Takes the Oath of Office  
D. New Leader Running the Hemmerman Company

19. Look at the chart and answer the question below.

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Which statement describes a process for turning a natural resource into a part of a soccer ball?

A. making cotton into cloth  
B. finding oil under the ground  
C. collecting sap from the rubber tree  
D. turning plastic into a soccer ball cover
20. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which resource is **not** scarce in the shaded region of Africa shown on the map?

A. fresh water for farming and drinking  
B. minerals for fuel and manufacturing  
C. farmland for growing food  
D. lumber for exporting
21. Look at the graph and answer the question below.

Based on supply and demand, in which year would the price of oil in Argentina have been **lowest**?

A. 1990  
B. 2002  
C. 2006  
D. 2010

22. Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest mountain on which continent?

A. Africa  
B. Europe  
C. North America  
D. South America
23. Look at the map and answer the question below.

At 9:00 a.m. in Los Angeles, Chris calls a friend in Chicago. What time is it in Chicago?

A. 7:00 a.m.
B. 9:00 a.m.
C. 10:00 a.m.
D. 11:00 a.m.
24. Look at the map below and answer the question.

Which statement describes the location of the Mediterranean Sea?

A. It is between England and France.
B. It is between Europe and Africa.
C. It is south of Asia.
D. It is west of Spain.
25. Look at the map and answer the question below.

What state on the map is Utah?

A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
26. Use the map to answer the following question.

Which place does the star show on the map?

A. South Pole
B. North Pole
C. McMurdo Station
D. Pearl Harbor
27. Look at the graph and answer the question below.

What conclusion can be made from the information in the graph?

A. Venezuela exports a major part of its oil to Asia.
B. Venezuela exports a major part of its oil to China.
C. Venezuela exports a major part of its oil to European countries.
D. Venezuela exports a major part of its oil to North American countries.
28. Look at the map and answer the question below.

Which country is China?

A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
29. Look at the map and table and answer the question below.

Which two cities are closest in population size?

A. Rome and Bogota
B. Paris and Santiago
C. Berlin and New York
D. Madrid and Los Angeles
30. Read the text and answer the question below.

The language of the Han people is what we call “Chinese.” It is the most common language in the People’s Republic of China. With one fifth of the population speaking the language, Chinese is now spoken all over the world. Within China, there are 55 other ethnic groups. All of these groups, except the Hui and Manchu, use their own language along with the language we call “Chinese.” Chinese is usually written with logograms instead of letters. This means that, like in Mayan and cuneiform writing, each character or image represents a whole word rather than a sound.

Which conclusion can be drawn from the information in the text?

A. The Chinese language came from India.
B. The Han people are the largest cultural group in China.
C. The Hui people came from another area outside of China.
D. The Chinese language uses symbols similar to those from Mesopotamia.

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