

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2019

**YEAR 7**

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**TIME: 1 hour**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**This examination paper consists of SIX Sections (A, B, C, D, E and F). Students are requested to attempt ALL sections. Marks for each section appear between brackets or at the end of each exercise.**

**Section A: Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer.**

multicultural	unions	global	nonformal	religion
society	technology	reconstituted	socialization	parliament

1. A r\_\_\_\_\_ family is one where the parents had children from a previous relationship but now they have come together to form a new family.
2. Throughout the years, \_\_\_\_\_ have worked hard to improve working conditions.
3. During the s\_\_\_\_\_ process, the basis for social behaviour is developed.
4. The four characteristics of s\_\_\_\_\_ are unity, organization, communication and diversity.
5. As \_\_\_\_\_ citizens, we need to know what is going on in the world around us.
6. R\_\_\_\_\_ is a social institution. It includes belief and practice that satisfy basic needs of society.
7. The citizen's representatives meet in \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss new laws and to change those that are not relevant today.
8. A \_\_\_\_\_ society is one that includes many different cultures.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the ways and means of making work easier.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ education is related to the concept of lifelong learning.

**(10 marks)**

**Section B: Choose by marking ONE correct answer only.**

**1. An extended family is one**

- a) without children
- b) with many children
- c) with parents, children and relatives living together.

**2. The Mass Media**

- a) always portray the truth
- b) allow everyone to express their opinions without fear
- c) are not interested in making money

**3. The Local Council is responsible for**

- a) the locality
- b) main roads
- c) the governance of the country

**4. Malta is a member of the**

- a) European Union
- b) African Union
- c) Soviet Union

**5. Many of the products we consume are made in**

- a) Malta only
- b) European countries only
- c) countries around the world

**6. By means of sports, individuals**

- a) do not build relationships with others
- b) learn how to respect authority
- c) never learn how to accept defeat

**7. Formal education refers to**

- a) all the learning that is organized in subjects and is examined at school
- b) all that we learn during our lifetime from the people around us
- c) online courses

**8. At the centre of a traditional Maltese village, we find**

- a) windmills
- b) churches and chapels
- c) highrise buildings

**9. Social norms include**

- a) staying in a queue
- b) going late to school every day
- c) breaking public peace.

**10. The United Nations' main objective is to promote**

- a) wars
- b) fighting
- c) peace

**(10 marks)**

**Section C: Mark ✓ to show if the answer is TRUE or FALSE**

		<b>TRUE</b>	<b>FALSE</b>
1.	Communication and travelling have made countries closer to each other; the world is like a global village.		
2.	In the Law Courts justice is administered so that everyone gets what they deserve.		
3.	Travelling does not help the spread of global culture.		
4.	The community is where people are connected to each other, as for example, in a school and in a religious group.		
5.	Values are principles that show us what is right and wrong.		
6.	Sex and gender have exactly the same meaning.		
7.	Pressure groups have no importance in society.		
8.	Secondary socialization takes place in the family.		
9.	Racism is the love we have for people of another race.		
10.	Examples of cultural groups include art societies, theatrical companies or musical groups.		

**(10 marks)**

**Section D: Read well these situations and after answer ALL questions by giving TWO examples for each situation.**

1. Mihail is from Bosnia Herzegovina and has a different culture and religion from the rest of his classmates. Shamison, who is your friend, is passing negative comments on Mihail's culture and religion. What would you do in this situation?

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2. Keira joined a sports programme organised by Sport Malta. Every Saturday she practises her favourite sport and she is encouraging you to do the same. What would the advantages be if you had to go?

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3. One of your friends has started smoking. What can you do?

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4. There was an argument about how women's place is in the home and not at work. What is your stand on this?

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5. One of your classmates has special needs. How would you behave around her?

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**(20 marks)**

**Section E: Read the following passage and then answer ALL the questions.**

The family is the smallest social group. Social groups make up society. An active society is one where people seek to help each other, to improve their situation and to preserve their traditions, beliefs and common values. In social groups, people meet when there are joyful and also sad occasions.



A person's behaviour in social groups depends on how much they understand their role in society. As we grow older, we learn what our role is and how we are expected to behave.

**Questions**

1. Give a title to this passage.

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

2. Why does a person need to be in a group?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2)

3. What is a 'social group'? Give **TWO** examples of different social groups.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4)

4. Choose one social group and write about its role in society.

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\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

5. Describe **FOUR** advantages of being in a social group.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4)

6. In an organized group such as a committee, every member has a role. Mention **THREE** skills a member needs to have for the group to function well.

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7. Why is it important to have cooperation in a group?

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8. When can we see solidarity in a group?

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**(25 marks)**

**Section F: Choose ONE of the following titles and write around 100 words about it.**

1. During the socialization process we learn from different persons. Discuss by making reference to the agents of socialization.
2. What is multiculturalism? Discuss by referring to the Maltese culture.
3. Globalization has affected the way people communicate and why they do so. Discuss.

**(25 marks)**

**Total: 100 marks**