

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2022

YEAR 7	SOCIAL STUDIES	TIME: 1 hour
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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.

traditions	tourists	multicultural	language	media
tolerant	culture	values	beliefs	identity

- _____ refers to the lifestyle of a society.
- The national _____ is one of the ways how people communicate with each other.
- Feasts, processions and the Mnarja are Maltese _____.
- Showing respect and being honest are types of _____.
- There are lots of different _____ like TV, radio and newspapers.
- A country where there is more than one culture is called _____.
- In our class there are students from different countries, and it is very important to be _____ towards each other's culture.
- The _____ of a country makes it different from other countries.
- Religion is a set of _____ a person follows.
- _____ come to Malta to view the history, temples, churches and feasts, amongst others.

(10 marks)

Section B: Choose by marking ONE correct answer only.

1. **The local council in my village**
 - a) takes care of embellishment projects in the village
 - b) runs the schools
 - c) organizes political mass meetings and parties
2. **A social group is made up of**
 - a) only girls who influence each other
 - b) people who influence each other
 - c) different countries
3. **Formal education is related to**
 - a) formal behaviour
 - b) after school hours meetings
 - c) the learning of subjects at school
4. **The Courts' building is found in**
 - a) every village
 - b) Floriana
 - c) Valletta
5. **In Malta, obligatory education is till the age of**
 - a) eighteen years
 - b) fourteen years
 - c) sixteen years
6. **A nuclear family is made up of**
 - a) parents, grandparents and children
 - b) parents and children
 - c) parents, neighbours and close friends
7. **While working in a group, the work should be**
 - a) done by the most intelligent person
 - b) done by whoever feels like it
 - c) divided amongst every member
8. **Those who are elected to serve in Parliament are called**
 - a) members of parliament
 - b) ministers
 - c) councillors
9. **Work conditions include**
 - a) the weather, climate and the environment
 - b) working hours, wages and leave
 - c) the union which represents the workers
10. **Songs, films, comics and media**
 - a) influence our lifestyle
 - b) are not means of entertainment
 - c) do not influence our lifestyle

(10 marks)

Section C: Mark ✓ whether it is TRUE or FALSE.

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	It is important to be part of a group in order to feel lonely.		
2.	Good friends help each other to improve themselves.		
3.	Helping our parents at home is an important duty.		
4.	I always have the same role in the different groups I'm part of.		
5.	A local council is made up of members from the government only.		
6.	Sports helps the individual to work in a team.		
7.	Cooperation means that one helps, compromises and works in the best interest of the group.		
8.	Greenpeace, Red Cross and FIFA are local groups.		
9.	A peer group and a pressure group are the same type of group.		
10.	In Court, the Minister of Justice decides the court cases.		

(10 marks)

Section D: Read well these situations and then answer ALL questions.

1. During childhood, we learn how to behave around people. Give **two** examples of manners we learn when we are young.

(4)

2. During the lesson, the teacher was explaining the difference between sex and gender. A student in your class did not understand. How would you explain it to him/her?

(4)

3. Racial discrimination should not be acceptable in society. What is it and how can we overcome it?

(4)

4. Your friend has same sex parents. Someone in class tried to make fun of this. What can you do in this situation?

(4)

5. A lot of groups such as youth centres and sports clubs had to stop meeting because of COVID. Your friend used to go to football practice but is now finding it very difficult to resume training. What advice can you give her in this situation?

(4)

(20 marks)

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

What is politics? Humans have always felt the need to join others and organise into groups in order to live better. These groups need to function properly, and each member has to cooperate, otherwise these groups stop functioning. This means avoiding violent and meaningless clashes in order to gain wealth and power and instead accepting peaceful competition.

Adapted from Social Studies, the first two years

Questions

1. Give a title to this passage.

_____ (1)

2. Define the phrase **social group**.

_____ (3)

3. Lots of work is carried out in Parliament. Give **two** examples.

_____ (4)

4. The Local Council is responsible for a lot of work. Mention **three** responsibilities of the local council.

_____ (6)

5. What is equality? Give **two** examples.

(6)

6. Cooperation is needed for a group to work well together. Explain this sentence by giving examples.

(4)

7. In your own words, write a short paragraph about a theme you studied during your social studies lessons and was not included in the exam paper.

(4)

8. Sports groups offer a lot of benefits. Mention **two** such benefits.

(2)

(30 marks)

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

1. The agents of socialisation affect our lives, character and development. Discuss.
2. We live in a society with a unique culture. Explain some of the central aspects of culture.
3. Civic values like cooperation, equality and solidarity are very important to society. Explain.

(20 marks)

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(Total: 100 marks)