

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2023

YEAR 8	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.

pluralism	exportation	adverts	symmetrical	monarchy
extended	compromise	seasonal	liberty	production

1. In a _____ family, the adults share the housework, upbringing of the children and work.
2. Due to _____, a country sells local products to other countries.
3. _____ buyers do not buy products throughout the whole year but only buy products during a particular period.
4. Through _____ of expression, a person can express an opinion.
5. Examples of _____ are political parties and various pressure groups.
6. In an _____ family, the grandparents or other relatives live in the same house as the parents and their children.
7. A king is the head of state in a _____.
8. It's good to reach a _____ in order to avoid fights.
9. The _____ process often occurs in factories.
10. Mass media show various _____ which encourage viewers to buy more products or services.

(10 marks)

Section B: Choose by marking ONE correct answer only.

1. **An example of evolutionary change is**
 - a. a terrorist attack
 - b. an increase in a country's civil rights
 - c. war
2. **An example of revolutionary change is**
 - a. a terrorist attack
 - b. heavy traffic
 - c. illiteracy
3. **Social development occurs in the areas of**
 - a. education, health and family
 - b. criminality, values and mass media
 - c. sport, pollution and climate
4. **Due to work, an individual**
 - a. develops his capabilities
 - b. is lacking in values
 - c. does not have an identity
5. **In a modified extended family, the grandparents**
 - a. live in the same house with their children
 - b. never meet their children
 - c. and their children live nearby to each other in the same village
6. **Social change in the past few years helped to**
 - a. discourage families from emigrating
 - b. increase equality between the male and the female in the family
 - c. decrease family benefits
7. **A producer is the person who**
 - a. uses a product
 - b. advertises a product
 - c. develops a product
8. **Through internal migration, a person**
 - a. continues to live with his own family
 - b. travels to live in other areas of the same country
 - c. travels to live in another country
9. **The Maltese population decreased between 1957 and 1967 due to**
 - a. World War I
 - b. emigration
 - c. COVID-19

10. The word democracy means

- a. being ruled by the people
- b. being ruled by a king
- c. having one sole leader

(10 marks)

Section C: Mark ✓ whether the answer is TRUE or FALSE.

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	Through work, a worker is contributing to the development of a country.		
2.	As a consumer I have the right to choose products or services.		
3.	Changing my mobile every year is a need.		
4.	Work and education are two fundamental human rights.		
5.	Equality denies citizens from having the same opportunities.		
6.	There are 30 member states in the European Union.		
7.	Tolerance helps a society improve.		
8.	With the help of technology, we can contact relatives who live abroad.		
9.	Sustainable economic development depends on the balance between the economic resources and the environment.		
10.	A lack of recycling produces air pollution.		

(10 marks)

Section D: Read carefully these situations and then answer ALL the questions by giving TWO examples for every situation.

1. Abigail is an only child and she enjoys listening to her grandmother narrate about her childhood with her eleven siblings. Mention **two** changes that have occurred in the family over the years.

i. _____

ii. _____

(4)

2. Leisure time is extremely important. Give **two** examples how year 8 students can use their leisure time in a constructive way.

i. _____

ii. _____

(4)

3. Jeremy is going to vote for the first time in the Local Council and Members of the European Parliament elections. Mention **two** things Jeremy should do to be well informed before going to vote.

i. _____

ii. _____

(4)

4. Sarah likes to go shopping every Saturday. She is spending way too much money every week. What advice can you give Sarah so that she can manage her money better?

i. _____

ii. _____

(4)

5. Climate change is a big problem at present. Mention **two** methods how you can help to reduce this global threat.

i. _____

ii. _____

(4)

(20 marks)

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

The *One Story* narrative project began in May 2020 with a small group of enthusiasts determined to change the often negative perception of Local Councils. They wanted to highlight the reality of what local government does for – and with – their communities.

Eric wrote the winning story. In it he wrote:

“What councils have to do is to keep the place tidy and fit to live in, to see that the streets are swept, that the houses are properly built, to provide parks and gardens for the recreation of young and old, to educate children, and to care for the poor and the elderly. It is a fine job, necessary, and one well worth doing. Without it, no civilised country can carry on, or call itself civilised.”



Passage adapted from: <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/leadership-workforce-and-communications/comms-hub-communications-support/building>

Questions

1. If you were the one writing this story, which **three** works carried out by your Local Council would you mention?

(3)

2. In which **three** elections can Maltese citizens who are older than sixteen years of age vote in.

(3)

3. Give the meaning of **power** and the meaning of **politics**.

(4)

4. Mention **four** characteristics of democracy.

(4)

5. a. Give the meaning of dictatorship.

(2)

b. Mention one fundamental right which is usually broken in a dictatorship.

(1)

6. This year you have voted for your school representatives. Why is the process of choosing the student council members a democratic process?

(6)

7. Mention **two** fundamental values found in a democracy.

(2)

(25 marks)

Section F: Choose ONE of the following titles and write around 120 words about it.

1. Explain how an increase in population affects the development and environment of a country.
2. Discuss how leisure has changed over time.
3. What are fair trade products? Explain why it is important that we buy these type of products.

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(25 marks)

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