

Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2024

YEAR 7 **SOCIAL STUDIES** **TIME: 1 hour**

Name: _____ Class: _____

This examination paper consists of SEVEN Sections (A, B, C, D, E, F and G). 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.

equality	rules	identity	pressure	tolerance
reconstituted	respect	racism	values	culture

1. A _____ family is a family where one or both parents have children from a previous relationship, but come together to form a new family.
2. Sports helps to overcome certain conflicts and also _____.
3. A _____ group is a group of people who have the same beliefs on a particular subject.
4. The Maltese language is part of the Maltese _____.
5. _____ gives us identity, shows who we are while including aspects that unite us together.
6. An organised society needs to have a set of _____ that everyone must obey.
7. Every culture has its _____ which are considered to be beliefs which help the community decide what is right or wrong.
8. _____ means that everyone is considered the same, women and men have the same rights and duties and are valued in the same way wherever they are.
9. For a multicultural society to function properly there needs to be _____ and _____ among all citizens.

(10 marks)

Section B: Choose by marking ONE correct answer only.

1. **Among the advantages of the group we find**
 - a) fighting
 - b) sharing moments of joy and sorrow together
 - c) help in spreading addictions between the members of the group
2. **The gang is a group of**
 - a) people with a negative connotation
 - b) people with a positive connotation
 - c) tourists
3. **Examples of organisations that take care of people with special needs are**
 - a) commercial holdings
 - b) voluntary associations
 - c) trade unions
4. **The English poet, John Donne said that "no man is an island". This is because**
 - a) no one needs anyone
 - b) a man can live alone
 - c) every person needs to live with others
5. **The media**
 - a) has a role to inform and educate society
 - b) has a role to spread lies and fake news
 - c) is only there to make money
6. **Sports helps**
 - a) to foster respect and collaboration (teamwork)
 - b) to increase the number of sick people
 - c) to decrease confidence in those who participate
7. **The family that includes more than two generations in the same house is called**
 - a) symmetrical family
 - b) nuclear family
 - c) extended family
8. **Lifelong learning refers to education that we receive**
 - a) from school
 - b) to acquire new skills relevant to the workplace
 - c) from the discussions we have with family members
9. **The peer group is a group of**
 - a) friends we meet most and who influence us
 - b) religious people
 - c) sports people
10. **An example of an international organisation is the**
 - a) band club
 - b) Local Council
 - c) United Nations

(10 marks)

Section C: Tick (✓) whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	Informal education activities are important because they help the person to broaden his/her experiences in life.		
2.	Maltese culture is not influenced by other cultures.		
3.	The speaker has the role of running the Parliament.		
4.	Same-sex families are considered like other families.		
5.	There are never conflicts in groups.		
6.	The Roman Catholic religion is considered to be Malta's official religion.		
7.	The regatta is not part of Maltese culture.		
8.	In Parliament we find mayors and councilors of the localities.		
9.	Sports has the ability to unite people from different countries in the world.		
10.	Sex and gender mean the same thing.		

(10 marks)

Section D: Write a sentence to describe each picture with reference to the lessons you did in Social Studies. The first one is given as an example.

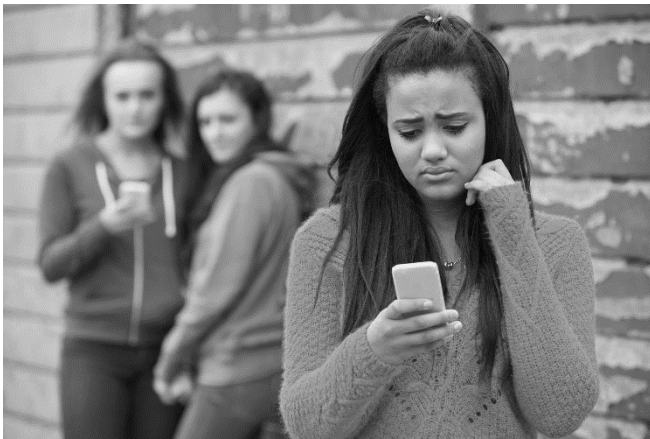


1. When we see people with different religious beliefs, different clothing styles and different traditions all present in the same country, this means that the society is multicultural.



2. _____

_____ (2)



3. _____

_____ (2)



4. _____

_____ (2)



5. _____

_____ (2)



6. _____

_____ (2)

(10 marks)

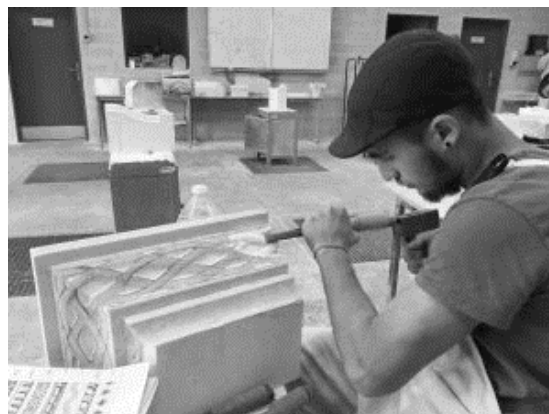
Section E: Write FIVE Agents of Primary Socialisation and FIVE Agents of Secondary Socialisation in the table below.

Agents of Primary Socialisation	Agents of Secondary Socialisation
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

(10 marks)

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

Xandru Camilleri is nineteen years old and lives in Siġġiewi. He is a student at MCAST where he is following a course in sculpture. His hobbies are reading; cycling where he also takes part in foreign competitions on behalf of Malta, and is a member of a photography group. Xandru is active in a youth group in Siġġiewi.



Last year he took part in a Youth Exchange Programme in France which was funded by the European Union, where he met other young people and learned about their culture. This year he is going to Italy on ERASMUS with the collaboration of MCAST. Xandru is going to learn about a new technique that does not exist in the career he is studying for in Malta. He is very interested in the local and global environment.

Questions

1. Give a title to this passage.

_____ (1)

2. Explain the term **identity**.

_____ (3)

3. What do you understand by **personal identity**?

_____ (2)

4. From the passage, identify **five** aspects of personal identity that we know about this young man.

_____ (5)

5. What do you understand by **social identity**?

(2)

6. How is Xandru improving his social identity? Give **two** examples to show how he is improving the relationship with other people in society.

(5)

7. What **national identity** does Xandru have? How is he representing this identity?

(3)

8. Xandru is a **European citizen**. How is he benefiting from this European citizenship?

(4)

9. Xandru interests himself in the **local** and **global environment**. What can he do to make his voice heard and take initiatives so that the local and global environments are not destroyed?

(5)

(30 marks)

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

1. Socialisation is a process. Describe this process with reference to primary socialisation and secondary socialisation.
2. In society we find a number of social institutions. Name and explain **four** social institutions you studied during this year in your Social Studies lessons.
3. Name and describe **four** aspects of culture.
4. RISE foundation works with prisoners in order to help them integrate back into society. Who is going to benefit from such work?

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(20 marks)

Total: 100 marks