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SOCIAL STUDIES

Time: 1h 15min

Name: _____

Class: _____

Out of 100

READ VERY CAREFULLY:

- Write your name and class.
- Read the question very carefully.
- If you cannot answer a question, move on to another question, then come back to it later.
- If you make a mistake, cross it out neatly and write the answer again.
- When you are ready, go over the paper again, correct any mistakes and make sure you have left nothing out.

1. **COMMUNICATION.** Underline the correct answer.
- (a) Human beings communicate mostly through:
- television,
 - radio,
 - newspapers,
 - languages.
- (b) To keep up-to-date with current affairs we should:
- go to swim every day,
 - read the newspapers,
 - go abroad every year,
 - go for daily Mass.
- (c) The majority of the Maltese communicate:
- in Russian,
 - in French,
 - in Italian,
 - in Maltese.
- (d) Many Maltese are familiar with these two languages:
- English and Italian,
 - Spanish and Portuguese,
 - Greek and Latin,
 - Arabic and Hebrew.
- (e) Democracy is strengthened when these are broadcast:
- advertisements,
 - films,
 - different opinions,
 - Maltese music.
- (f) To guard against all forms of discrimination, we can:
- go swimming every day in September,
 - go for long walks in the dark,
 - put up exhibitions,
 - keep to the right hand side of the road when cycling.





- (g) When members of a group are in disagreement, they should:
- express their anger by shouting at each other ,
 - discuss until they reach a compromise,
 - go to Court,
 - send letters to newspapers.
- (h) Members in a group sometimes disagree. This is:
- normal,
 - very unusual,
 - so rare that when it happens it's in the news,
 - why some people end up in prison.

(1 mark x 8 = 8 marks)

2. Mark with a (✓) those actions that can help us communicate better. An example is given.

Ex:	<i>Effective communication helps our citizens live in a peaceful environment.</i>	✓
a	People should listen to each other.	
b	In a heated discussion, we should mention each other's defects .	
c	We should read only those articles which are written by people who agree with us.	
d	In a newspaper there should be space for different opinions.	
e	We should respect all ideas, even those we do not agree with.	
f	Television stations should air different opinions.	
g	We should always try to see the other person's point of view in an argument.	
h	The cinema and radio are two means of communication that help us understand each other better.	
i	We should have working relationships with all the members of the group.	
j	Only those who are in agreement with the leader should attend group meetings.	
k	The majority should always respect the minority.	
l	In a group, those who do not agree with the majority should leave and form a new group.	

(1 mark x 8 = 8 marks)

3. Study the photo which shows a cave under Dingli Cliffs and then answer the questions.

(a) Do you think these caves took more than a thousand years to form, or less?

_____ (2)

(b) Explain how these caves were formed.

_____ (2)

(c) Give the name of a well-known cave in the Maltese Islands. _____ (2)

(d) Water drips slowly downwards through the ceiling of a cave. Some of the dissolved limestone sticks to the ceiling and forms candle-like structures. What are these structures called?

_____ (2)

(e) Some of the dissolved limestone collects on the floor of the cave. What are these structures called? _____ (2)

(2 marks x 5 = 10 marks)



4. The arrow in the map shows the sea opening called the DARDANELLES. Study the map carefully and then answer the questions.

(a) What is the name of the small Sea marked with the number 2 on the map?

_____ (1)

(b) What is the name of the Sea marked with number 3?

_____ (1)

(c) What is the name of Sea marked with number 1?

_____ (1)

(d) The Dardanelles can be found in the country marked A on the map. What is the name of this country? _____ (1)

(e) What is the name of the country marked as B? _____ (1)

(f) Another opening in the Mediterranean Sea is the Suez Canal. Is the Suez Canal a natural opening or is it man-made? _____ (1)



- (g) In which country is the Suez Canal found? _____ (1)
- (h) Explain why the Suez Canal is so important for trade.

(10 marks)

5. Answer these questions about MALTESE STONE.

- (a) From which layer do we get the stone to build a farmhouse like the one in the photo?

_____ (2)

- (b) Why do we build with this type of stone?

_____ (2)

- (c) Besides a farmhouse, name another type of building that we can build with this kind of stone.

_____ (2)

- (d) From where do we get this kind of building stone?

_____ (2)

- (e) We get this stone from places near one of these towns/villages. What is the name of this town/village? (VALLETTA, FLORIANA, MARSA, MQABBA, SLIEMA).

_____ (2)

- (f) To make concrete we use aggregates. Which layer of Maltese stone is crushed to make these aggregates?

_____ (2)

- (g) In the past, earthenware pots were used for cooking. Which layer of Maltese stone was used to make these pots?

_____ (2)

(2 marks x 7 = 14 marks)



6. **READ:** All vehicles, both private and public have now become a necessity. However, the exhaust they produce is harmful to our health. Now ANSWER these questions.

(a) Which vehicle produces the least amount of exhaust: a bus, a private car, or a truck?

_____ (1)

(b) Why should we use buses?

_____ (2)

(c) Which is less harmful: leaded or unleaded petrol?

_____ (2)

(d) Why?

_____ (2)

(e) Why is car exhaust harmful?

_____ (3)

(f) We can travel to different places using different means of transport. Name three places we can go to on foot or on our bike.

_____ (3)

(13 marks)



7. **Underline the correct word:**

(a) (England, Crete, America, Iceland) is an island in the Mediterranean Sea.

(b) Politically Corsica forms part of (Spain, France, Israel, Malta).

(c) (Greece, Germany, Scotland, Sweden) is a country in the Mediterranean Sea.

(d) The capital city of Portugal is (Paris, Madrid, Lisbon, Athens).

(e) One way to reduce waste is to (throw away, repair, export, import) faulty appliances.

(f) In the bring-in-site we can throw (newspapers, cars, leaves, flowers) in the container marked PAPER.

(g) Many of the things that end up in a bring-in site are (restored, recycled, thrown away, stored).

(h) When we use recycled paper, we are helping to preserve our (sea, forests, deserts, birds).

(1 mark)

8. These questions are about PREHISTORY:

(a) In the photo you can see fossils which were found in the prehistoric site of Għar Dalam. What do we mean by the word 'PREHISTORY'?

_____ (2)

(b) Give one reason why Għar Dalam is important for Maltese History?

_____ (2)



(c) In the photo you can see the megalithic temple of Ħaġar Qim with its protective cover. Why was the cover built?

_____ (2)



(d) Name two other megalithic temples in the Maltese Islands besides that of Ħaġar Qim.

_____ (2)

(e) What is the name of the famous hypogeum you see in the photo?

_____ (1)

(f) What is the difference between a temple and a hypogeum?

_____ (2)



(total = 11 marks)

9. These questions are about the GREAT SIEGE of 1565:

(a) In the photo you can see the leader of the Maltese and the Knights during the Great Siege of 1565. Who was he?

_____ (1)

(b) Here is a list of people who were involved in the Great Siege of 1565. One of them, however, never came to Malta. Who was he? (LA VALETTE, SULEIMAN, MUSTAPHÀ PAXÀ, PIALÌ PAXÀ, DRAGUT).

_____ (1)





(c) The photo shows Fort St Elmo. Why was Fort St Elmo the first fort to be attacked in the Great Siege of 1565?

_____ (2)

(d) Name one fort which was attacked by the Turks but did not surrender. _____ (2)

(e) Why did the Turks attack Malta in 1565? Give one reason.

_____ (2)

(f) Why were the Turks defeated by the Knights and the Maltese in 1565? Give one reason.

_____ (2)

(10 marks)

10. **These questions are about the BUILDING OF VALLETTA.**

(a) The photo shows Auberge d’Aragon. What is an **AUBERGE**?

_____ (2)



(b) What do we mean when we say that the building of the Auberge is symmetrical?

_____ (2)

(c) Give the name of one other auberge in Valletta besides the Auberge d’Aragon.

_____ (1)

(d) In the photo you can see the main church built in Valletta by the Knights. To whom is this church dedicated?

_____ (1)



(e) Describe the facade of the church:

_____ (1)

(f) Describe the inside of the church: _____ (1)

(8 marks)

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