

# SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS 2009

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**FORM 2**

**GEOGRAPHY**

**TIME: 1h 30min**

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

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

**N.B. Answer ALL questions**

**1. Underline the correct word in the brackets:**

(12 marks)

- (Latitude, Longitude, Meridian) 36 degrees North passes through the Maltese Islands.
- (The Equator, Latitude, Longitude) 14 degrees 30 min. East passes through Malta.
- Latitude (40 degrees North, 40 degrees South, 60 degrees north) passes near the centre of the Mediterranean Region.
- An astronaut in space can see the (latitudes, deserts, longitudes) on the real Earth.
- An astronaut in space can see the Earth turning from (North to South, west to east, east to west).
- On the map lines of latitude are drawn (vertically, diagonally, horizontally).
- On the map lines of longitude are drawn (vertically, diagonally, horizontally).
- When giving the exact position of any place on the map, the latitude is written (in the middle, last, first).
- The line where the sea seems to meet the sky is called the (latitude, Equator, horizon).
- On clear days volcano (Vesuvius, Etna, Stromboli) is visible from high places in Malta.
- A book full of maps is called (encyclopedia, atlas, dictionary).
- The (index, contents, preface) shows us to find the location of places in an atlas.

**2. Write TRUE or FALSE at the end of each statement:**

(10 marks)

- An earthquake may occur anywhere and anytime. \_\_\_\_\_
- The news media report all earthquakes that take place on the Earth's surface.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If an earthquake of force 8.5 on Richter Scale were to be felt in Malta, many buildings would suffer damage. \_\_\_\_\_
- Seismologists in general prefer to use the Richter Scale more than they do the Mercalli Scale.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Force 9 on the Richter Scale should be approximately equal to Force 12 on the Mercalli Scale.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The North Italian Plain, where there are many large towns, is sparsely populated.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The population density in the Pyrenees is rather low. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mountain villages are always to be found in valleys below the permanent snow-line.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Avalanches occur mostly in spring when snow and ice begin to melt. \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastoral farming is the growing of vegetables on flat land. \_\_\_\_\_

3a. Here is a list of twelve islands. Underline *five* ISLANDS in the Mediterranean Sea.

Sicily                  Cyprus                  Great Britain                  Ireland                  Iceland                  Sardinia  
Crete                  Australia                  Greenland                  Madagascar                  Corsica                  Cuba

(5 marks)

Study Figure 1 Map of the Mediterranean Region in the given Map and then fill in the following:

b. Name the *countries* marked C1 to C8 in the map Fig. 1: (8)

(choose from *Italy, Algeria, France, Spain, Turkey, Morocco, Libya, Egypt*)

C1 \_\_\_\_\_ C2 \_\_\_\_\_ C3 \_\_\_\_\_

C4 \_\_\_\_\_ C5 \_\_\_\_\_ C6 \_\_\_\_\_

C7 \_\_\_\_\_ C8 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name the *mountains* marked M1 to M5 in map Fig. 1: (5)

(choose from *Alps, Taurus, Atlas, Pyrenees, Appennines*)

M1 \_\_\_\_\_ M2 \_\_\_\_\_ M3 \_\_\_\_\_

M4 \_\_\_\_\_ M5 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Name the *rivers* marked R1 to R 4 in map Fig 1: (4)

R1 \_\_\_\_\_ R2 \_\_\_\_\_ R3 \_\_\_\_\_

R4 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Name the capital cities of: i. Croatia \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Greece \_\_\_\_\_ iii. Turkey \_\_\_\_\_

(3)

4a. Write the letter of the HEADS near the correct TAILS:

(8 marks)

|   |                                |  |                                   |
|---|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| A | Porous rocks act               |  | it does not allow water to pass.  |
| B | Clay is impermeable since      |  | pass through is called permeable. |
| C | When water passes through soil |  | in the area around Dingli.        |
| D | Rock that allows water to      |  | like sponges eg. Limestone.       |
| E | Underground water originates   |  | to pump up water.                 |
| F | There is a lot of clay         |  | is porous and permeable.          |
| G | Upper Coralline Limestone      |  | and bedrock, it percolates.       |
| H | Boreholes are drilled          |  | from rain, rivers and lakes.      |

b. Mention one way how drinking water in Malta can be polluted. (2)

\_\_\_\_\_

c. How many water-tables are there in Malta? \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

d. Which rock is porous but impermeable? \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

**5a. Here is a list of five hot deserts. Near each write the name of the continent in which it is found. Choose from: North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Australia**

|      |                   |  |     |                    |  |
|------|-------------------|--|-----|--------------------|--|
| i.   | Atacama Desert    |  | ii. | Californian Desert |  |
| iii. | Sahara Desert     |  | iv. | Arabian Desert     |  |
| v.   | Australian Desert |  |     |                    |  |

(5 marks)

**b. Fill in with the following words:**

(6 marks)

*Africa      Mediterranean Sea      Sahara Desert      Atlantic Ocean      Red Sea      Namib*

- There are large deserts in this great continent to the South of Malta. \_\_\_\_\_
- The largest desert in the world. \_\_\_\_\_
- A very large desert in south-west Africa. \_\_\_\_\_
- This sea lies to the North of Africa and is most familiar to the Maltese. \_\_\_\_\_
- This long narrow sea separates Africa from Asia. \_\_\_\_\_
- This ocean lies to the west of the Sahara Desert. \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Answer briefly:**

(3 marks)

- Where do nomads obtain their food?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do nomad children go to school? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Write one skill which a nomad person must have to live in the desert.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6a. Fill in the spaces with the words chosen from the given list:**

(6 marks)

*Weather      wet and cool      elements      forecasting      climate      average*

- The word \_\_\_\_\_ means 'trying to guess the type of weather expected'.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ often changes from time to time, but the \_\_\_\_\_ does not.
- Climate is the \_\_\_\_\_ condition of all the atmospheric elements.
- Wind and rain are two important atmospheric \_\_\_\_\_.
- Winters in the Mediterranean region are always described as '\_\_\_\_\_'.

**b. Answer briefly:**

i. Describe in short the Mediterranean type of climate.

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ii. Which desert and which ocean can influence Mediterranean type of climate?

Desert - \_\_\_\_\_ (1)      Ocean - \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

iii. Name any other region in the world where Mediterranean type of climate can be found. (2)

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iv. Mention two winter months in the southern hemisphere. (2)

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**7. a. Write whether the following acts are GOOD or BAD for the Mediterranean Sea: (5)**

i. Oil tankers spill their oil at sea. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Sewage is thrown at sea without being treated. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Fishermen catch fish with short nets having medium sized holes. \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Factories discharge poisonous chemical wastes into rivers that drain into the sea.

\_\_\_\_\_

v. Farmers apply organic natural manure for fertilizer. \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Write at least FOUR sentences to explain the problem of rising global temperatures and the greenhouse effect. (8 marks)**

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