

# TARGETER WINGS

## JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

### GRADE 8 - 2024



TIME: 1 hour 20 mins

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Name _____
School _____
Adm No: _____ Date _____

**Instructions:**

- (a) Write your name, school, admission number and date in the spaces provided above.
- (b) Answer all questions in this question paper.
- (c) Each learning area to take 1 hour 20 minutes.

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Questions	Maximum score	Student's score	Performance scale
1	3		
2	1		
3	5		
4	4		
5	9		
6	3		
7	3		
8	5		
9	3		
10	2		
11	2		
12	2		
13	2		
14	2		
15	3		
16	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>		

1. Grade 8 learners were asked by their Social Studies teacher to explain the meaning of the following terms as used in the theory of evolution. What did they write? (3mks)

a) Mutation \_\_\_\_\_

b) Natural selection \_\_\_\_\_

c) Adaptation \_\_\_\_\_

2. Social Studies teacher recorded some characteristics concerning the early man

i) *Was the earliest ancestor of both the human beings and apes*

ii) *Was discovered in Egypt*

iii) *Moved on four limbs*

iv) *Had a tail*

The creature he described was \_\_\_\_\_ (1mk)

3. State five importance of fossil records of human evolution in Africa (5mks)

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Identify the countries where the listed pre-historic sites are located (4mks)

i) Olduvai Gorge \_\_\_\_\_

ii) Omo valley \_\_\_\_\_

iii) Faiyum depression \_\_\_\_\_

iv) Taung \_\_\_\_\_

5. a) Describe the meaning of personal goal (1mk)

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\_\_\_\_\_

b) List four factors that help people to set personal goals (4mks)

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

c) Identify 4 career opportunities that are related to Social Studies (4mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Identify 3 factors that led to early civilisation in Africa (3mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Write the origin of each of the following early visitors in Africa (3mks)

- a) Greeks - \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Romans - \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Persians - \_\_\_\_\_

8. a) Define the term self esteem (1mk)

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b) Identify four ways of dealing with difficult emotions (4mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Identify three risky behaviours that one can engage in (3mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

10. The time in Dakar Senegal 17°W is 9.00am. What is the time in Nairobi 40°E? (2mks)

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11. State the two theories that explain the origin of the earth (2mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Grade 7 learners were given the table below to calculate the annual range of temperature. What did they get? (2mks)

Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Temperature	23	22	25	21	19	16	12	12	13	14	18	24

13. State two primary sources of information (2mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_

14. State two desirable personality attributes in a multi-cultural society (2mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_

15. Write three factors that led to the presence of Europeans in Africa (3mks)

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Define the term constitution (1mk)

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