

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

GRADE 5

ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SOCIAL STUDIES TEST

BOOKLET 1

OBJECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTED-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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Student Name _____

School Name _____

Print your name and the name of your school on the lines above.

The test has three parts. Parts I and II are in this test booklet; Part III is in Booklet 2.

Part I contains 35 multiple-choice questions. Record your answers to these questions on the separate answer sheet. Use only a No. 2 pencil on your answer sheet.

Part II consists of several short-answer questions. Write your answers to Part II in this test booklet.

You will have $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to answer the questions in Booklet 1.

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Part I

DIRECTIONS

There are 35 questions on Part I of this test. Each question is followed by four choices, labeled A–D. Read each question carefully. Decide which choice is the correct answer. On the separate answer sheet, mark your answer in the row of circles for each question by filling in the circle that has the same letter as the answer you have chosen. Use a pencil to mark the answer sheet.

Read the **sample question** below:

Sample Question

Which city is the capital of New York State?

- (A) Utica
- (B) Albany
- (C) New York City
- (D) Buffalo

The correct answer is **Albany**, which is next to letter **B**. On your answer sheet, look at the box showing the row of answer circles for the sample question. Since choice **B** is the correct answer for the sample question, the circle with the letter **B** has been filled in.

Answer all 35 questions on Part I of this test. Fill in only one circle for each question. Be sure to erase completely any answer you want to change. You may not know the answers to some of the questions, but do the best you can on each one.

When you have finished Part I, go on to Part II.

Part I

Answer all questions in this part.

- 1** Generation after generation, people tell stories to their children about their ancestors. When this happens, it is called

(A) oral history	(C) written biographies
(B) historical artifacts	(D) library research

- 2** What is a 100-year period of time called?

(A) decade	(C) century
(B) millennium	(D) light-year

- 3** Rivers have been important to the development of cities mainly because they have provided

(A) places to swim
(B) ways to transport goods and people
(C) protection from attack
(D) rich hunting grounds

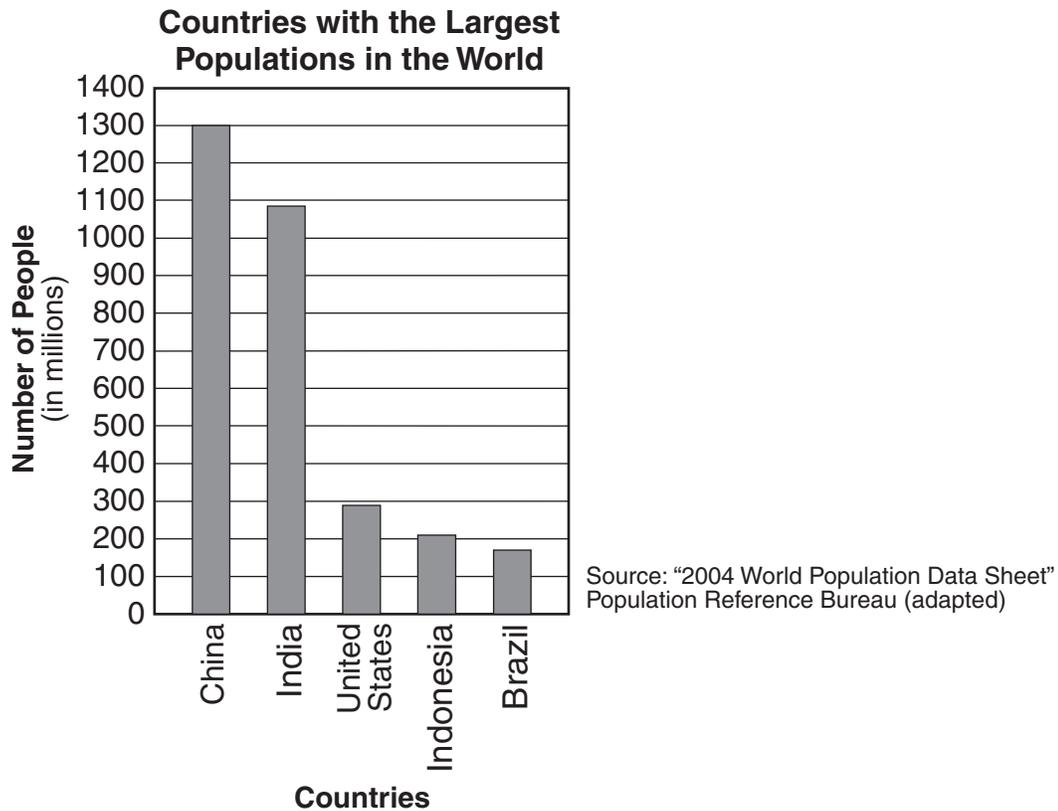
- 4** Importing goods from other countries is important mainly because it helps people

(A) get items their country needs
(B) visit other countries
(C) know where other countries are located
(D) prepare to move to another country

- 5** Raw materials such as coal and iron ore that are used in the production of goods are called

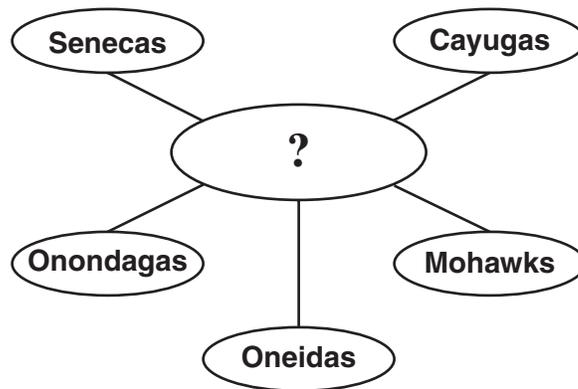
(A) capital resources	(C) wasted resources
(B) natural resources	(D) labor resources

Base your answer to question 6 on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.



- 6 If all these countries were the same size in square miles, which country would be the **least** densely populated?
- (A) India (C) United States
(B) China (D) Brazil
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- 7 When the amount of chocolate available for people to eat goes down, the price of chocolate usually goes up. This situation shows that the price of chocolate is influenced by
- (A) the president (C) a boycott
(B) supply and demand (D) arctic climates
- 8 Regions of the world often have different plant and animal life because they have different
- (A) environments (C) cultures
(B) raw materials (D) nationalities

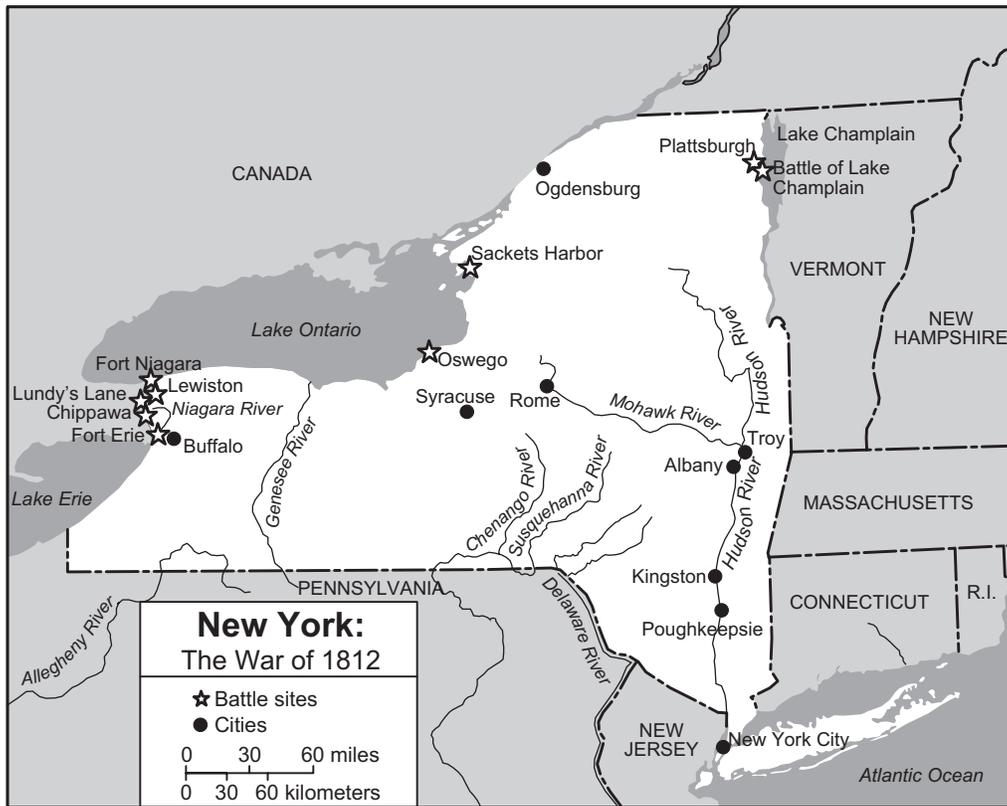
Base your answer to question 9 on the graphic organizer below and on your knowledge of social studies.



- 9** Which name best completes this graphic organizer?
- (A) Montauk (C) Iroquois
(B) Algonquian (D) Mohican
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- 10** The weather pattern of an area over a long period of time is called
- (A) precipitation (C) geography
(B) history (D) climate
- 11** Families have many needs and wants. Which item is a want?
- (A) television (C) shelter
(B) food (D) water
- 12** Which term is used to describe money collected to pay for the services that a community provides?
- (A) savings (C) interest
(B) profit (D) taxes
- 13** In most countries, the main responsibility of the government is to create
- (A) wants and needs (C) imports and exports
(B) rituals and customs (D) rules and laws

- 14** People are expected to be responsible members of a nation if they want to enjoy the rights and privileges of that nation. This idea best illustrates
- (A) equality (C) scarcity
(B) citizenship (D) diversity
- 15** Which set of events about early American history is in the correct order from earliest to latest?
- (A) colonization → Revolutionary War → European exploration
(B) colonization → European exploration → Revolutionary War
(C) European exploration → colonization → Revolutionary War
(D) Revolutionary War → European exploration → colonization
- 16** The number of stars on the United States flag today represents the
- (A) number of Native American tribal groups
(B) homelands of immigrant groups
(C) current fifty states
(D) original thirteen colonies
- 17** People who favored independence during the American Revolution were called
- (A) Confederates (C) Redcoats
(B) Loyalists (D) Patriots
- 18** During the colonial period, what was the occupation of most New Yorkers?
- (A) farming (C) silversmithing
(B) fur trading (D) blacksmithing
- 19** What is the main reason that people move to the city during a rural to urban migration?
- (A) to have a better chance of getting a job
(B) to be closer to farmland
(C) to be near parks and open spaces
(D) to get away from crowded slums

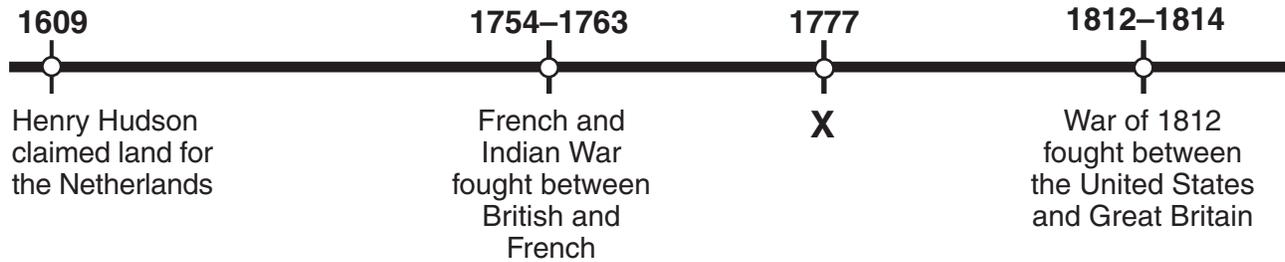
Base your answers to questions 20 and 21 on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: F. Daniel Larkin, *New York Yesterday and Today*, Silver Burdett & Ginn, 1990 (adapted)

- 20** During the War of 1812, which two battles were fought on the eastern end of Lake Ontario?
- (A) Sackets Harbor and Fort Erie
 - (B) Ogdensburg and Plattsburgh
 - (C) Plattsburgh and Lewiston
 - (D) Oswego and Sackets Harbor
- 21** According to this map, which statement about the War of 1812 is true?
- (A) Much of the fighting happened along the Hudson Valley in New York State.
 - (B) The largest battle of the war took place in New York City.
 - (C) Many battles during the war were fought in western and northern New York State.
 - (D) The first naval battle of the war happened on Lake Erie.

Base your answer to question 24 on the time line below and on your knowledge of social studies.



24 Which event should be placed where the **X** is located?

- (A) Erie Canal opened
- (B) Battle of Saratoga fought
- (C) Iroquois Confederacy formed
- (D) Transcontinental Railroad completed

25 In the United States today, how are government leaders such as mayors, governors, and senators chosen?

- (A) They are appointed by the Supreme Court.
- (B) They are elected by citizens.
- (C) They are picked by business leaders.
- (D) They are selected by state legislatures.

26 Congress is the lawmaking branch of which level of government?

- (A) local
- (B) county
- (C) state
- (D) federal

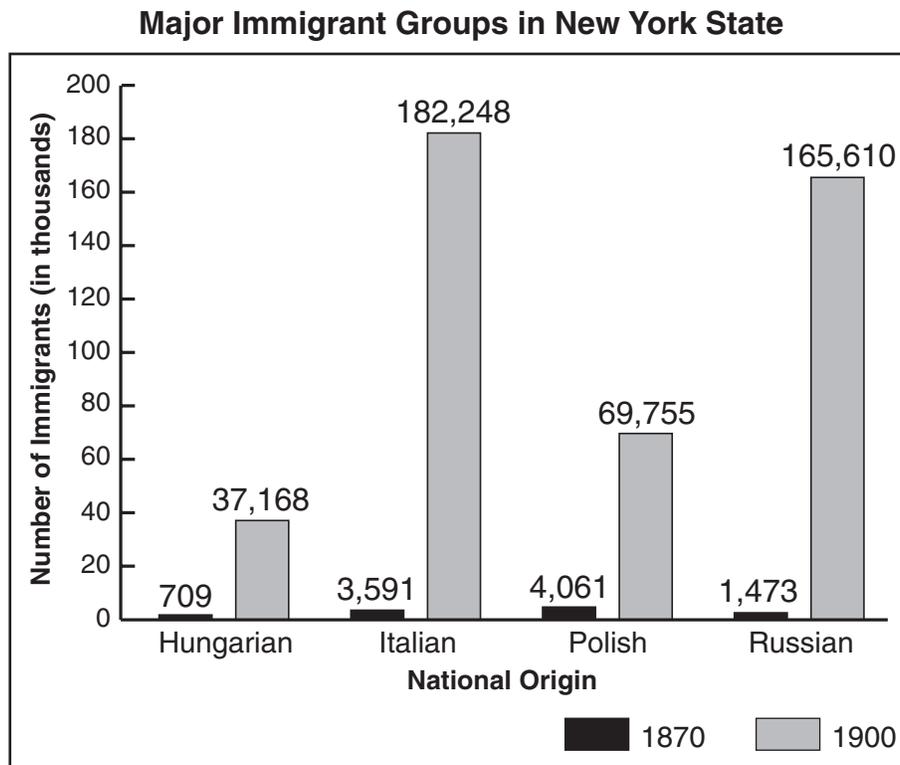
27 The head of a state government is called a

- (A) chairperson
- (B) president
- (C) governor
- (D) mayor

28 In the United States, how often are presidential elections held?

- (A) every six years
- (B) every four years
- (C) every two years
- (D) every year

Base your answers to questions 29 and 30 on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: James A. Banks et al., *New York: Adventures in Time and Place*, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, 1998 (adapted)

- 29** Based on this graph, which group had the largest number of immigrants in 1870?
- (A) Hungarians (C) Polish
(B) Italians (D) Russians
- 30** Which immigrant group showed the greatest increase in numbers from 1870 to 1900?
- (A) Hungarians (C) Polish
(B) Italians (D) Russians
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Base your answer to question 31 on the table below and on your knowledge of social studies.

The Longest Rivers in the World

River	Country	Miles	Kilometers
Nile	Egypt	4,132	6,650
Amazon	Brazil	4,000	6,437
Changjiang-Yangzi	China	3,915	6,300
Mississippi-Missouri (river system)	United States	3,710	5,971
Yenisey-Angara (river system)	Russia	3,274	5,269

Source: Howard Veregin, ed., *Goode's World Atlas*,
Rand McNally, 2005 (adapted)

- 31** Which statement is best supported by the information in this table?
- (A) China has more rivers than the United States.
 - (B) Brazil has a longer river than Egypt.
 - (C) Russia has the third longest river system in the world.
 - (D) The five longest rivers (river systems) of the world are all over 3,000 miles long.

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- 32** These three statements were made by different people at different times in history.

“When spiderwebs unite, they can tie up a lion.”

—Ethiopian proverb

“We must live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools.”

—Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)

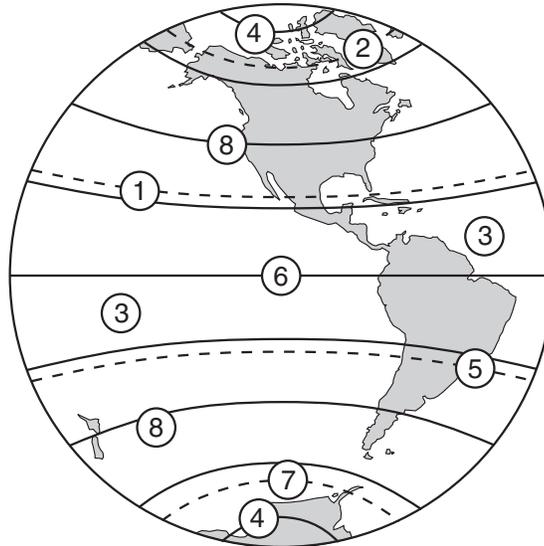
“All for one, one for all, that is our motto.”

—Alexandre Dumas (1802–1870)

Which ideal is referred to in these three statements?

- (A) leadership
- (B) justice
- (C) cooperation
- (D) education

Base your answer to question 35 on the map below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: G. Brown and A. Schule,
Your Country and Mine, Ginn and Company, 1969
(adapted)

- 35** What is the name given to the line indicated by the number 6?
- (A) prime meridian (C) tropic of Capricorn
(B) equator (D) tropic of Cancer
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Maximum Total is 35 Points

Part II

Directions: Write your answers to the questions that follow in the spaces provided in this test booklet.

Base your answers to questions 1 through 3 on the information below and on your knowledge of social studies.

From 1881 until 1920, almost 24 million immigrants came to the United States. While immigrants came from all over the world, the greatest number of them were from Europe. They traveled here on ships to Ellis Island in New York Harbor. Many immigrants made New York City their new home. Some looked for opportunities in other cities along the East Coast. Other immigrants traveled to the middle of the United States and worked as farmers.

- 1 What word is used to describe people who move from one country to live in another country? [1]

Score

- 2 Give **one** reason people moved from Europe to the United States between the years 1881 and 1920. [1]

Score

- 3 Which symbol of American freedom welcomed many of these people as they entered New York Harbor? [1]

Score

Base your answers to questions 4 through 6 on the picture and the reading passage below and on your knowledge of social studies.



. . . If you had been growing up in the 1920s, your family might have been buying a radio for the first time. The radio was a new and exciting invention. It brought news from all over the world as well as music and other entertainment. Many families spent the evening listening to the radio, just as a family today might watch television together. During the 1920s, radio stations began to spring up in cities across the state. One of the first was WGY in Schenectady. . . .

Source: F. Daniel Larkin, *New York Yesterday and Today*, Silver Burdett and Ginn, 1990

4 Based on the picture, what are **two** different ways that people entertained themselves in the 1920s? [2]

a _____
Score

b _____
Score

5 According to the passage, what was **one** way that radio changed the lives of American families in the 1920s? [1]

Score

6 Give **two** different examples of how family entertainment in the home has changed since the 1920s. [2]

a _____

Score

b _____

Score

Base your answers to questions 7 through 9 on the diary entry below about life in Antarctica and on your knowledge of social studies.

Today was my first day of work in Antarctica! After breakfast, I put on my outdoor clothing. In Antarctica, it is important to cover every part of the body when going outdoors. People here generally wear about five layers of clothing. The heat given off by a person's body can be trapped between the layers of clothing to help keep a person warm. Nearly everyone in Antarctica wears a brightly colored parka [winter coat]. (My own is bright green!) People wear brightly colored clothes so that they can be easily seen in the blowing snow. I was warned to always wear sunglasses when going outdoors in Antarctica. Going without sunglasses could cause a person's eyes to hurt for many days.

7 What is the purpose for wearing brightly colored clothing in Antarctica? [1]

Score

8 Why do people in Antarctica need to wear sunglasses? [1]

Score

9 How does clothing worn in Antarctica differ from clothing worn in a place near the equator? [2]

Score

Base your answers to questions 10 and 11 on the chart below, which lists the populations of the largest cities in New York State, and on your knowledge of social studies.

**Largest City Populations
in New York State, 1990**

City	Population
Albany	101,082
Buffalo	328,123
Mount Vernon	67,153
New Rochelle	67,265
New York City	7,322,564
Rochester	231,636
Schenectady	65,566
Syracuse	163,860
Utica	68,637
Yonkers	188,082

Source: U.S. Census, 1990

10 Which city in New York State has the *third* largest population? [1]

_____ Score

11 Which *two* cities are closest in the size of their populations? [1]

_____ and _____ Score

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