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PAPER 2

Practice test · Term 3–4
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Social Sciences: Geography · Grade 4

Food, Farming and Water in South Africa

Term 3–4 | 6 questions | CAPS-aligned

TOTAL 52 MARKS

NAME AND SURNAME _____ CLASS _____ DATE _____

Instructions

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections. Answer all the questions.
2. Answer all the questions on the question paper itself, in the spaces provided.
3. Use the SOURCES to answer the questions where the question asks you to.
4. Write neatly and legibly. Work that cannot be read cannot be marked.
5. You may use a pencil and a ruler.
6. This paper covers Term 3 and Term 4 work. Paper 1 covers Term 1 and Term 2 work.

Question	Content of the question	Marks	Obtained
1	Food and farming in South Africa	10	
2	Crops and farm animals	10	
3	Water in South Africa	10	
4	Drought, storing and saving water	5	
5	People and the environment	8	
6	Water to our homes and back to the sea	9	
	Total	52	
	Percentage		%

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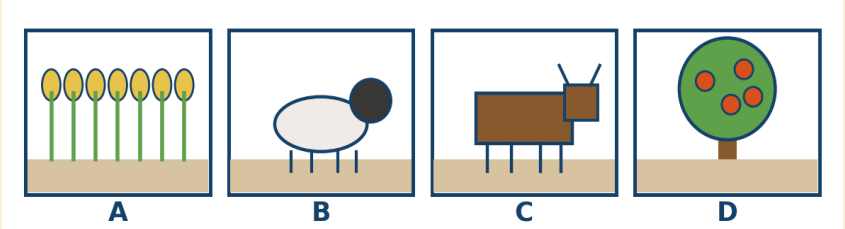
Section A

1 Food and farming in South Africa

10 marks

Study Source A and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE A · FOUR KINDS OF FARMING



Four kinds of farming found in South Africa.

1.1 Write next to each letter what kind of farming it shows. **(4)**

A: _____ B: _____

C: _____ D: _____

1.2 Read about the two farmers. Write SUBSISTENCE or COMMERCIAL next to each one. **(2)**

Farmer	Type of farming
Mrs Dlamini grows vegetables and keeps a few chickens in her backyard in Soweto to feed her own family.	
Mr Botha grows wheat on a big farm and sells it to a mill.	

1.3 Most families buy their food in a shop. Name TWO OTHER ways people get food. **(2)**

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1.4 Wheat is an unprocessed food. Describe how it is PROCESSED into bread and how the bread gets from the farm to your table. **(2)**

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2 Crops and farm animals

10 marks

2.1 Write next to each crop a province where it is grown a lot. **(4)**

Crop	Province
Sugar cane	
Apples	
Maize	
Citrus	

2.2 Write PROCESSED or UNPROCESSED next to each food. **(2)**

Food	Processed / Unprocessed
An orange picked from a tree	
A box of orange juice	

2.3 Name ONE food that comes from a PLANT and ONE food that comes from an ANIMAL. **(2)**

Plant: _____ Animal: _____

2.4 What is the difference between FREE-RANGE chickens and chickens kept in cages? **(2)**

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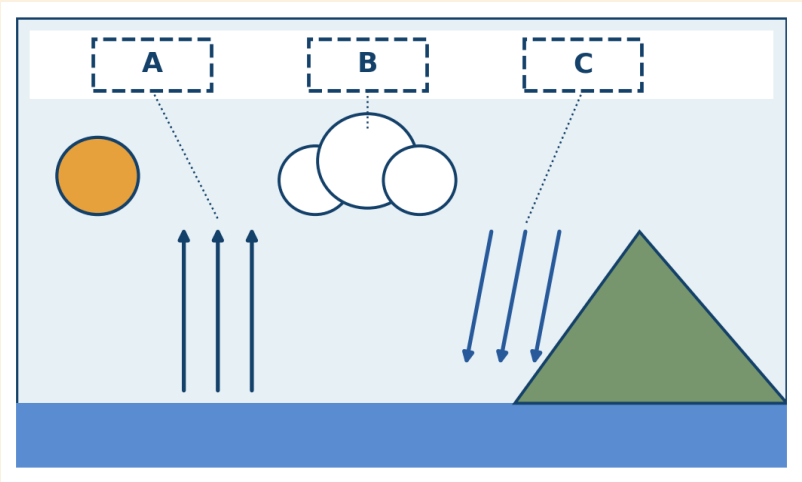
Section B

3 Water in South Africa

10 marks

Study Source B and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE B · THE WATER CYCLE



Water moves between the sea, the sky and the land in a never-ending cycle.

3.1 Write next to each letter the name of the stage of the water cycle. **(3)**

A: _____ B: _____ C: _____

3.2 Most of the water on Earth is in the sea. Why can people NOT drink sea water? **(1)**

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3.3 Write SALT or FRESH next to each kind of water. **(3)**

Water	Salt / Fresh
The Indian Ocean	
Water in a wetland	
Water pumped from a borehole (underground)	

3.4 Name ONE way your family uses water at home every day, and TWO ways water is used OUTSIDE the home in South Africa. **(3)**

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4 Drought, storing and saving water

5 marks

4.1 What do we call a long period with very little or no rain? **(1)**

4.2 Why do people need to STORE water? Give ONE reason and name ONE way people store water. **(2)**

4.3 Name TWO ways a family can save water at home. **(2)**

5 People and the environment

8 marks

SOURCE C · THE RIVER AT GROENVLEI

Twenty years ago children swam in the Groenvlei River. Today there is a sign: NO SWIMMING.

In that time a factory opened upstream, the wetland next to the river was drained for houses, and the town's population doubled.

5.1 Name THREE human activities that could have polluted the river, and say how each one does it. **(3)**

5.2 Not only factories pollute water. Name TWO things people do EVERY DAY at home that can pollute water. **(2)**

5.3 Suggest ONE solution, say who should do it and explain how it will solve the problem. **(3)**

6 Water to our homes and back to the sea

9 marks

6.1 Name THREE ways people in South Africa get water. **(3)**

6.2 Arrange the steps water follows from the dam to the tap. Write 1 to 4. **(3)**

Step	Number
Pipes to the tap	
Dam	
Reservoir	
Purification plant	

6.3 Why must water be purified before we drink it? **(1)**

6.4 After we have used water at home it goes down the drain. Explain how this used water gets back to the sea. **(2)**

Total **52 marks**



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