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PAPER 1

Practice test · Term 1–2
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Social Sciences: Geography · Grade 4

Places and Map Skills

TOTAL 68 MARKS

Term 1–2 | 8 questions | CAPS-aligned

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 and the MAP 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 1 and Term 2 work. Paper 2 covers Term 3 and Term 4 work.

Question	Content of the question	Marks	Obtained
1	Places where we live	10	
2	Map skills	11	
3	Plans and views	4	
4	The world and its oceans	8	
5	The provinces of South Africa	10	
6	Settlements and landmarks	10	
7	The grid on a map	7	
8	Resources	8	
	Total	**68**	
	Percentage		%

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Section A

1 Places where we live

10 marks

Study Source A and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE A · TWO PLACES

Thabo lives on a farm. His nearest neighbour is four kilometres away. There is one shop at the crossroads and the school is a twenty-minute drive from the house. At night it is very dark and very quiet.

Anele lives in a city. There are shops at the end of her street, three schools within walking distance, and a bus that comes every fifteen minutes. At night there are street lights and she can hear traffic.

Two learners describe where they live.

1.1 Write next to each description whether it fits a RURAL or an URBAN area. **(3)**

Description	Rural / Urban
The nearest neighbour is four kilometres away	
There is a bus every fifteen minutes	
There are three schools within walking distance	

1.2 Name TWO things Anele has near her that Thabo does not. **(2)**

1.3 Name ONE advantage of living on a farm and ONE advantage of living in a city. **(2)**

1.4 Thabo's family must drive twenty minutes to school every day. Name THREE ways this affects their daily life. **(3)**

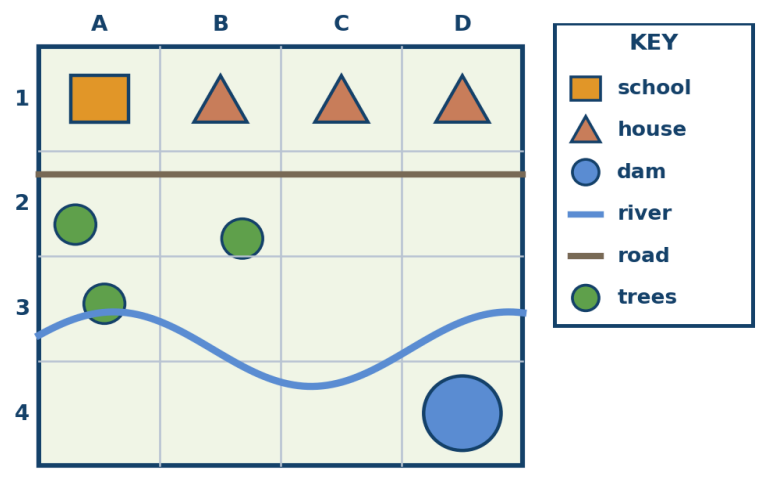
Section B

2 Map skills

11 marks

Study the map in Source B and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE B · MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF MOOIVLEI



North is at the top of the map. The letters across the top and the numbers down the side give the position of each place.

2.1 What is the name of the part of the map that explains the symbols? **(1)**

2.2 Give the grid reference of each place on the map. **(3)**

Place	Grid reference
The school	
The dam	
The houses	

2.3 Name TWO things on this map that have to do with water. **(2)**

2.4 In which direction from the school are the houses? In which direction from the houses is the road? **(2)**

2.5 Why does every map need a key? Explain your answer. **(3)**

3 Plans and views

4 marks

3.1 From which direction do you look at a place when you draw a plan of it? **(1)**

3.2 What is the difference between a plan and a photograph of the same place? **(1)**

3.3 Name TWO things you would draw on a plan of your classroom. **(2)**

4 The world and its oceans

8 marks

4.1 Name the THREE largest oceans of the world. **(3)**

4.2 Which TWO oceans lie along the coast of South Africa? **(2)**

4.3 On which continent is South Africa? **(1)**

4.4 Name TWO other continents. **(2)**

5 The provinces of South Africa

10 marks

5.1 How many provinces does South Africa have? **(1)**

5.2 Write down FOUR provinces of South Africa. **(4)**

5.3 Write next to each city which province it is in. **(3)**

City	Province
Cape Town	
Durban	
Johannesburg	

5.4 Which province is the LARGEST, and which is the SMALLEST? **(2)**

6 Settlements and landmarks

10 marks

6.1 What is a SETTLEMENT? **(1)**

6.2 Arrange from the SMALLEST to the LARGEST settlement: city · farm · town · village **(2)**

6.3 Name TWO differences between a CITY and a VILLAGE. **(2)**

6.4 What is a LANDMARK? **(1)**

6.5 Write next to each landmark whether it is NATURAL or MADE BY PEOPLE. **(4)**

Landmark	Natural / Made by people
Table Mountain	
A bridge	
The Orange River	
A church tower	

7 The grid on a map

7 marks

7.1 What do we use a GRID on a map for? **(2)**

7.2 Look at the grid. Write the grid reference of each place. **(3)**

	A	B	C
1			
2		school	
3			shop
4	dam		

The school: _____ The shop: _____ The dam: _____

7.3 How do you write a grid reference — the letter first or the number first? Give an example. **(2)**

8 Resources

8 marks

8.1 What is a RESOURCE? **(2)**

8.2 Write next to each resource what people use it for. **(4)**

Resource	What we use it for
Water	
Wood	
Soil	
Stone	

8.3 Why must we be careful with our resources? Give an example. **(2)**

Total **68 marks**



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