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Social Sciences: History · Grade 4

Transport and Communication Through Time

TOTAL 53 MARKS

Term 3–4 | 6 questions | CAPS-aligned

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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. Think carefully and write full answers.
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	Transport through time	10	
2	More about transport through time	10	
3	Transport on water and in the air	8	
4	Communication through time	9	
5	Inventions that changed communication	6	
6	More about communication through time	10	
	Total	53	
	Percentage		%

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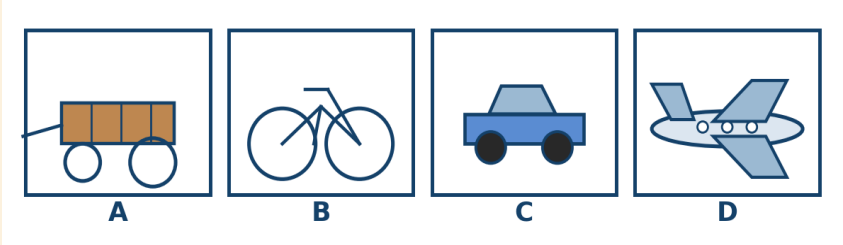
Section A

1 Transport through time

10 marks

Study Source A and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE A · FOUR WAYS OF TRAVELLING



Four kinds of transport used at different times.

1.1 Write next to each letter what kind of transport it is. **(4)**

A: _____ B: _____

C: _____ D: _____

1.2 Which of the four is the oldest way of travelling? **(1)**

_____

1.3 Name TWO problems a family travelling by ox wagon would have had. **(2)**

_____

_____

1.4 Which kind of transport can carry people the furthest in one day? **(1)**

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1.5 How did the coming of trains change people's lives? **(2)**

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2 More about transport through time

10 marks

2.1 Arrange these kinds of transport from the OLDEST to the NEWEST: aeroplane · horse cart · motor car · steam train **(2)**

2.2 Why was the invention of the WHEEL so important for transport? **(2)**

2.3 The first boats were RAFTS, CANOES and REED BOATS. Name TWO materials people used to make them. **(2)**

2.4 Sailing ships could only move when the wind blew. How did the STEAMSHIP change travel by sea? **(2)**

2.5 Name ONE way modern transport harms the environment, and ONE way to reduce it. **(2)**

3 Transport on water and in the air

8 marks

3.1 What were the first ways people travelled through the air, long before aeroplanes? **(1)**

3.2 Who built and flew the first aeroplane with an engine, and in which year? **(2)**

3.3 Name TWO of the early SAILING SHIPS that people used long ago to travel and trade across the seas. **(2)**

3.4 Write next to each kind of transport whether it travels on LAND, on WATER or in the AIR. **(3)**

Transport	Land / Water / Air
A sailing ship	
A helicopter	
A steam train	

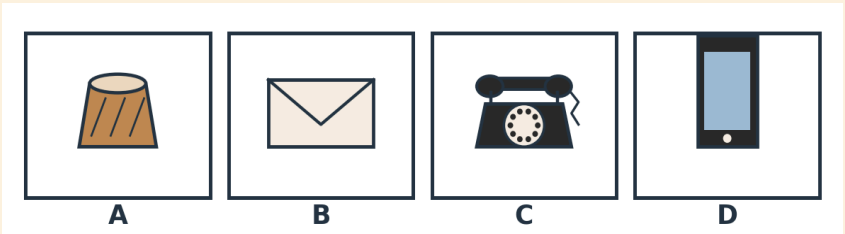
Section B

4 Communication through time

9 marks

Study Source B and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE B · FOUR WAYS OF SENDING A MESSAGE



Four ways in which people have sent messages.

4.1 Write next to each letter what kind of communication it is. **(4)**

A: _____ B: _____

C: _____ D: _____

4.2 Which one of the four is the fastest today? **(1)**

4.3 Name TWO problems with sending a message by letter. **(2)**

4.4 Long before writing, people sent messages without any machines. Name TWO ways the first people, like the San, communicated — do NOT name drums or rock paintings. **(2)**

5 Inventions that changed communication

6 marks

5.1 Which invention sent messages along a wire as dots and dashes (Morse code)? **(1)**

5.2 Before computers, people typed letters on a machine with keys that did not need electricity. What was this machine called? **(1)**

5.3 How did the invention of the CAMERA change the way we can learn about the past? **(2)**

5.4 Name ONE thing a TELEVISION can do that a radio cannot do, and ONE thing a COMPUTER can do that a typewriter cannot do. **(2)**

6 More about communication through time

10 marks

6.1 Give TWO reasons why people communicate with each other. **(2)**

6.2 Long ago the San painted on rock walls. What can these rock paintings tell us today? **(2)**

6.3 What could the RADIO do that a letter could NOT do? **(2)**

6.4 How is an EMAIL different from a letter sent by post? **(2)**

6.5 Which invention do you think changed communication the most? Give a reason. **(2)**

Total **53 marks**



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