Social Sciences: Geography · Grade 5

Memorandum · Term 1–2

TOTAL
57
MARKS

Marking guidelines

1. Award the full mark for a correct answer, even if the learner words it differently.
2. For map questions the answer must come from the map or the key.
3. Where a question asks for an opinion, award the mark for any answer with a sensible reason.
4. Where a question asks for two or more items, award one mark per correct item.
5. Do not deduct marks for spelling, provided the answer can be read.

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 1 · Map skills · 10 marks			
1.1	The school = A1; The dam = D4	**2**	*1 mark each.*
1.2	South-east. The school is top left (A1) and the dam is bottom right (D4) — so downwards (south) and to the right (east).	**2**	*1 mark for the direction, 1 mark for the explanation.*
1.3	Symbols are small pictures that do not explain themselves. The key tells the reader what each symbol means so that anyone can read the map.	**2**	*1 mark for 'it explains the symbols', 1 mark for the reason.*
1.4	The river and the dam.	**2**	*1 mark each.*
1.5	Any block with a valid reason — for example near the road so ambulances can reach it easily, or near the houses so people can walk, but away from the river's flood plain.	**2**	*1 mark for the block, 1 mark for a sensible reason.*
QUESTION 2 · Direction and the compass · 8 marks			
2.1	Right-hand side = east; Left-hand side = west	**2**	*1 mark each.*
2.2	North-east, south-east, south-west and north-west.	**2**	*2 marks if all four are correct; 1 mark for two or three.*
2.3	South-west.	**2**	*1 mark for 'south', 2 marks for 'south-west'.*

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2.4	Directions like north and south mean the same thing everywhere and do not change like “left” and “right”, which depend on where a person is standing.	**2**	*1 mark for 'it is always the same', 1 mark for the explanation. Also accept: so the person can find the place without getting lost (1) because the instructions are clear and exact (1).*
QUESTION 3 · Physical features of South Africa · 12 marks			
3.1	The Interior Plateau.	**1**	
3.2	The Atlantic Ocean to the west and the Indian Ocean to the east.	**2**	*1 mark each, with the correct side.*
3.3	The Drakensberg, with peaks more than 3 000 metres above sea level.	**2**	*1 mark for the name, 1 mark for the height.*
3.4	Interior Plateau; Great Escarpment (mountain range); Coastal plain	**3**	*1 mark each.*
3.5	A harbour must be at the sea so that ships can dock, and the coastal plain is the flat ground next to the sea where you can build and lay roads and railway lines.	**2**	*1 mark for 'at the sea', 1 mark for 'flat ground to build on'.*
3.6	Roads and railways are difficult and expensive to build; farming is hard on steep slopes; mountains catch rain and make one side wetter than the other; they attract tourists; they keep towns separated from each other.	**2**	*Any two. 1 mark each.*
QUESTION 4 · People change the landscape · 8 marks			
4.1	Any three: the valley was flooded and became a lake; farms and a road now lie under water; the river below the dam is smaller; plants and animals in the valley lost their habitat.	**3**	*Any three. 1 mark each.*
4.2	The town has water all year (1); farmers can irrigate their crops (1). Also accept: fishing or boating on the lake.	**2**	
4.3	Any three: rock is cut or blasted out of the mountain; plants and trees are removed; soil erodes on the bare slopes; bridges and culverts change how water flows; animal habitats are split in two.	**3**	

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 5 · South Africa in Africa · 8 marks			
5.1	Right at the bottom, at the southern tip of the continent.	**1**	
5.2	Lesotho (1); Eswatini (1); Lesotho lies completely inside South Africa (1).	**3**	*Accept Swaziland for Eswatini.*
5.3	Orange River = Atlantic Ocean (west); Great Fish River = Indian Ocean (east)	**2**	*1 mark each.*
5.4	A country with no coastline (it does not touch the sea) (1); Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho or Eswatini (1).	**2**	
QUESTION 6 · Africa: capitals and physical features · 11 marks			
6.1	Windhoek; Gaborone; Harare; Maputo. 1 mark each.	**4**	
6.2	Pretoria (Tshwane); Cape Town; Bloemfontein. 1 mark each.	**3**	
6.3	Kilimanjaro (1); the Nile (1).	**2**	
6.4	The Sahara (1); the Namib (1).	**2**	*Also accept the Kalahari for the second mark (it is often called a desert).*

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