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Practice test · Term 3–4
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# Social Sciences: Geography · Grade 6

Climate, Vegetation and Population

Term 3–4 | 4 questions | CAPS-aligned

TOTAL 59 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 | Climate and vegetation around the world | 27 | |
| 2 | Why people live where they do | 13 | |
| 3 | People and the environment | 8 | |
| 4 | Water in the world | 11 | |
| | **Total** | 59 | |
| | **Percentage** | | % |

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Section A

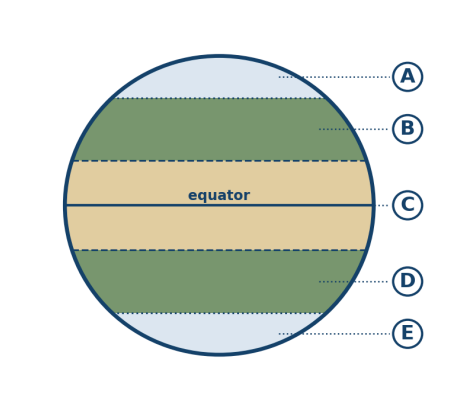
## Climate and vegetation

### 1 Climate and vegetation around the world

27 marks

*Study Source A and Source B and answer the questions that follow.*

**SOURCE A · CLIMATE ZONES OF THE EARTH**




The Earth's main climate zones, from pole to pole.

**1.1** Write next to each letter which climate zone it is. **(3)**

A: _____ C: _____ E: _____

**1.2** Explain the difference between WEATHER and CLIMATE. **(2)**

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**SOURCE B · CLIMATE IN FOUR CITIES**

The table shows the average temperature in January and in July, and the rainfall per year, in four cities.

Long-term averages, rounded.

| City | Average temperature in January | Average temperature in July | Rainfall per year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Manaus (Brazil)** | 26 °C | 27 °C | 2 300 mm |
| **Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)** | 15 °C | 36 °C | 100 mm |
| **Arkhangelsk (Russia)** | –12 °C | 17 °C | 600 mm |
| **Cape Town (South Africa)** | 21 °C | 13 °C | 500 mm |

**1.3** Use Source B to answer the questions. **(3)**

a. Which city is hot ALL year round? _____

b. In which city is JANUARY the warmest month? _____

c. Which city is the driest? _____

**1.4** Explain why few plants grow in a desert. **(3)**

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**1.5** Look at Cape Town and Arkhangelsk in Source B. Explain why their warmest months are different. **(2)**

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_____

**1.6** Write the natural region next to each city. Choose from: tropical rainforest · hot desert · coniferous forest **(3)**

| City | Natural region |
|---|---|
| **Manaus** | |
| **Riyadh** | |
| **Arkhangelsk** | |

**1.7** Name TWO ways in which people who live in a hot desert have adapted their way of life. **(2)**

**1.8** Describe the vegetation of a tropical rainforest, and name ONE animal that lives there. **(2)**

**1.9** Large parts of the rainforest in the Congo Basin in Central Africa are being cut down (deforestation). Give TWO reasons why people cut down the rainforest, and TWO consequences of deforestation. **(4)**

**1.10** Coniferous forests grow in countries such as Canada, Sweden and Finland. Answer the questions. **(3)**

a. Describe the trees of a coniferous forest. _____ (1)

b. Name ONE animal that lives in a coniferous forest. _____ (1)

c. Name ONE way in which people use the coniferous forest to make a living. _____ (1)

Section B

## 2 Why people live where they do

13 marks

*Study Source C and answer the questions that follow.*

**SOURCE C · TWO PLACES**

**Place A** — A flat plain beside a perennial river. The soil is deep and fertile, it rains regularly in summer, and a national road passes ten kilometres away.

**Place B** — A high rocky mountain slope with a view over the valley, three kilometres from the national road. Water would have to be piped in from fifteen kilometres away.

Two possible places to lay out a town.

**2.1** Name FOUR reasons why people would rather live at Place A than at Place B. **(4)**

**2.2** Name THREE disadvantages of Place B. **(3)**

**2.3** Explain the difference between a RURAL area and an URBAN area. **(2)**

**2.4** Many South African towns grew because of a resource or an activity. Name ONE town that grew because of MINING and ONE town that grew because of FISHING. **(2)**

Mining: _____ Fishing: _____

**2.5** Before 1994, apartheid laws decided where people of different races were allowed to live. Explain how these laws affected where many black South Africans had to live. **(2)**

## 3 People and the environment

8 marks

*Study Source D and answer the questions that follow.*

**SOURCE D · 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.

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

**3.2** Which QUESTION would you ask to find out what the biggest cause is? **(2)**

**3.3** Suggest ONE solution and explain who should do it. **(3)**

## 4 Water in the world

11 marks

**4.1** Write next to each statement whether it is TRUE or FALSE. **(3)**

| Statement | True / False |
|---|---|
| **Most of the water on Earth is fresh water** | |
| **Oceans hold salt water** | |
| **South Africa is a water-scarce country** | |

**4.2** Name THREE ways in which a household can use less water. **(3)**

**4.3** Why does South Africa have a water shortage? Give THREE reasons. **(3)**

**4.4** What is a WATER-SCARCE country? **(2)**

**Total** **59 marks**



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