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PAPER 1

Practice test · Term 1–2
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Social Sciences: Geography · Grade 6

Map Skills and Trade

TOTAL 72 MARKS

Term 1–2 | 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 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	Map skills	15	
2	Trade in South Africa and the world	25	
3	From cocoa to chocolate	8	
4	Lines of latitude and longitude	6	
5	Trade: raw materials and fair trade	8	
6	Scale and the atlas	10	
	Total	72	
	Percentage		%

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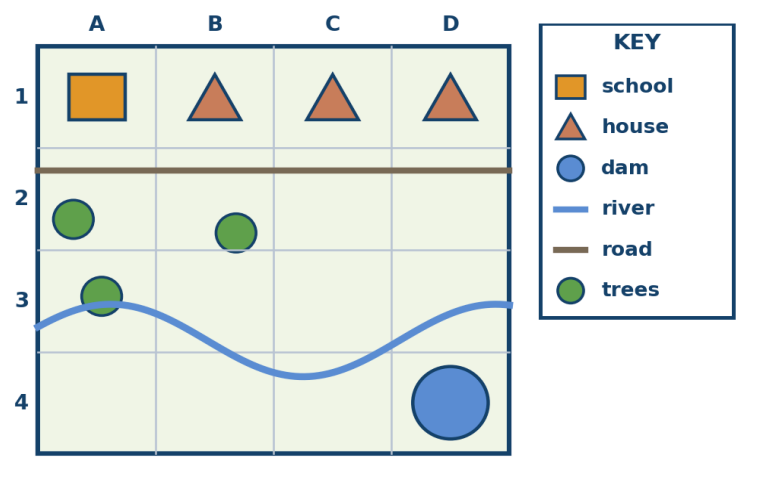
Section A

1 Map skills

15 marks

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

SOURCE A · MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF MOOIVLEI



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

1.1 Give the grid reference of each place on the map. **(2)**

Place	Grid reference
The school	
The dam	

1.2 In which direction from the dam does the school lie? Explain how you worked it out. **(2)**

1.3 Why does an atlas have an INDEX at the back, and how do you use it? **(2)**

1.4 Name THREE kinds of information that a map of your own province in an atlas can give you. **(3)**

1.5 Write down the hemisphere in which each place lies. **(3)**

Place	Northern / Southern hemisphere
South Africa	
Egypt	
Australia	

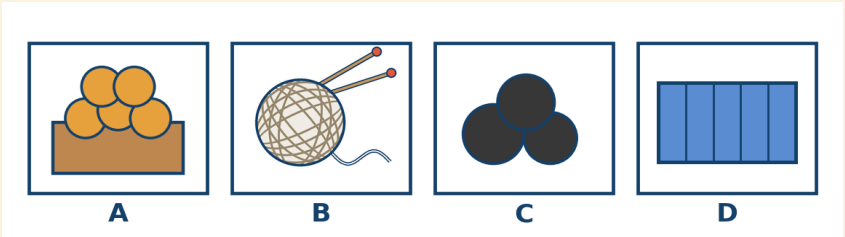
1.6 Explain why a person needs the equator on a world map. **(3)**

Section B — Trade, latitude and scale

2 Trade in South Africa and the world — 25 marks

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

SOURCE B · THREE EXPORT GOODS AND HOW THEY ARE TRANSPORTED



Three goods South Africa exports, and the way they are transported.

2.1 Write next to each letter in Source B what it is. **(4)**

A: _____ B: _____

C: _____ D: _____

2.2 Explain the difference between IMPORTS and EXPORTS. **(2)**

SOURCE C · FROM THE FARM TO THE SHIP

Step 1 — The farmer picks the oranges and packs them into crates.

Step 2 — A truck takes the crates to a pack house where the fruit is sorted, washed and graded.

Step 3 — The oranges are loaded into refrigerated containers and taken by train to the harbour in Cape Town.

Step 4 — At the harbour the containers are loaded onto a ship. The voyage to Europe takes about three weeks.

Step 5 — In Europe the oranges are delivered to shops and sold while it is winter there.

The journey of a South African orange.

2.3 Name the THREE kinds of transport used in Source C. **(3)**

2.4 Why are the oranges carried in REFRIGERATED containers? **(3)**

2.5 Source C says the oranges are sold in Europe "while it is winter there". Explain why this is good for South African farmers. **(4)**

2.6 Name THREE things a harbour needs in order to handle containers. **(3)**

2.7 What would happen to the orange farmers if the harbour workers went on strike for a month? **(3)**

2.8 Name THREE reasons why a country cannot produce everything its people need. **(3)**

3 From cocoa to chocolate

8 marks

Study Source D and answer the questions that follow.

SOURCE D · FROM COCOA BEAN TO CHOCOLATE BAR

Step 1 — In Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana in West Africa, farmers grow cocoa trees. They cut open the pods, dry the beans in the sun and sell them to traders.

Step 2 — Ships carry the dried beans to a factory in Europe. There the beans are roasted and ground, and mixed with sugar and milk to make chocolate.

Step 3 — The chocolate is wrapped, advertised and sent to shops all over the world, including South Africa.

Step 4 — A chocolate bar sells for about R20 in a South African shop. The cocoa farmer gets only about R1 of that.

The journey of a chocolate bar (the amounts are examples).

3.1 Name TWO things that happen to the cocoa beans in the factory. **(2)**

3.2 The farmer gets about R1, but the chocolate bar sells for about R20. Give THREE reasons why the value grows so much along the way. **(3)**

3.3 Who earns the smallest part of the money in Source D? **(1)**

3.4 Where do you think the biggest profit is made: on the farm, in the factory or in the shop? Give a reason. **(2)**

4 Lines of latitude and longitude

6 marks

4.1 In which direction do lines of LATITUDE run around the Earth, and what do they measure? **(2)**

4.2 At what latitude does the equator lie? **(1)**

4.3 What is the PRIME MERIDIAN, and what does it do? **(2)**

4.4 In which hemisphere, the EASTERN or the WESTERN, does South Africa lie? **(1)**

5 Trade: raw materials and fair trade

8 marks

5.1 What is the difference between a RAW MATERIAL and a MANUFACTURED GOOD? **(2)**

5.2 Name TWO products made from wood. **(2)**

5.3 What does EXPLOITATION mean in trade? **(2)**

5.4 How does FAIR TRADE help a small farmer? **(2)**

6 Scale and the atlas

10 marks

6.1 What does the SCALE of a map tell us? **(2)**

6.2 Explain the difference between a SMALL-SCALE map and a LARGE-SCALE map. Give an example of each. **(2)**

6.3 A map has the word scale "1 cm represents 50 km". On the map two towns are 6 cm apart in a straight line. How far apart are the towns in real life? Show your working. **(2)**

6.4 What kind of scale is drawn as a line, like a ruler, divided into equal parts? **(1)**

6.5 Complete the table. Choose from: the Nile · the Sahara · Mount Everest · the Pacific Ocean **(3)**

World record	Name
The longest river in the world	
The highest mountain in the world	
The largest hot desert in the world	

Total **72 marks**



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