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## D I R E C T I O N S

In this test you will show how you are doing in some skills important in social studies.

Be sure you understand all the directions before you begin. You will have as much time as you need to finish the test. If you are not sure about the answer to a question, do your best.

You will be marking your answers on Side 2 of the same answer sheet as for the reading and math tests. Mark only one answer for each item. If you change an answer, be sure to erase the first mark completely. Now look at the sample item below:

Sample Item 1: Which of these cities is the capital of Michigan?

- A. Ann Arbor
- B. Flint
- C. Kalamazoo
- D. Lansing

Answer

Sample Item 1: (A) (B) (C) (D)

Since Lansing is the capital of Michigan, you would have marked space D because the letter in front of Lansing is D.

Remember, only one answer should be marked for each question. If you change your answer, erase your first answer completely. Make a dark mark that fills the space. Use a pencil, do not use a ballpoint pen.

When you are sure that you understand the directions, you may begin the test. Your teacher will collect the test when you are finished.

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

1. If you wanted to check on the meaning of the word "geography", what would you use?
- A. an atlas
  - B. a dictionary
  - C. an encyclopedia
  - D. a map
2. Where could you find information about Michigan?
- A. in a dictionary
  - B. in the World Almanac
  - C. in the encyclopedia
  - D. in an atlas
3. The students in a social studies class want to find out how far it is from the capital city in their state to their town. What is the BEST way to get this information?
- A. look in an almanac
  - B. use a globe
  - C. use an atlas
  - D. look in a dictionary
4. Your state wants a new flag. Many people from the state have turned in ideas about how the new flag should look. Which one of the following would be the BEST person or group to decide how the new flag should look?
- A. the governor of the state
  - B. a group of community leaders from all over the state
  - C. a group of senior citizens
  - D. the artist who will draw the flag
5. The fourth grade class agreed to prepare a lunch and have what the students like to eat. Which one of the following would be the BEST way to choose what to have for lunch?
- A. The class could make a list of favorite foods and vote.
  - B. The teacher could make a list of favorite foods and take a vote on the best.
  - C. A group of students could make the choice.
  - D. The teacher could decide which lunch should be served.

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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6. The children are planning a puppet show. Lori does not like the scenery they are using.

How should she let the group know she does not agree?

- A. quit the puppet show
  - B. make her own scenery
  - C. do not say anything to the others
  - D. share her ideas with the others
7. Mother told the children that they needed to discuss new rules to get jobs done around the house. Ray knows some of the problems they have had with the old rules.

Ray should:

- A. discuss the problems first with the family.
- B. forget the problems and think of the new rules.
- C. let his mother tell what the rules should be.
- D. let the others decide on the rules.

S-1b

8. Carl and Mary looked at the same painting. Carl thought the painting was beautiful. Mary thought the painting was ugly.

Which of the following statements do you think is correct?

- A. They are both wrong because they do not agree.
  - B. Mary is right because she thought the painting was ugly.
  - C. Carl is right because he thought the painting was beautiful.
  - D. It is all right for Carl and Mary to have different ideas.
9. The teacher has just announced that there will be no math period today.
- How will the class feel?
- A. some will be glad; others will be sad
  - B. everyone will be happy
  - C. no one will care one way or another
  - D. everyone will be sad

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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10. The teacher told the children to do a group project on the book they read. Mary did all the talking in the group.

This was NOT helpful because:

- A. Mary did not know the answer.
- B. Only those who know the answer should talk.
- C. Others did not have a chance to give their ideas.
- D. Mary wasted time by talking too long.

11. Susie was watching a group of people on television talking about a new law. Each person gave an idea about the new law.

Susie knew it was good for each person to talk because:

- A. Everyone wanted to talk on television.
- B. Listening to many ideas helps to understand the law.
- C. Having many people talk makes the show more interesting.
- D. The people wanted to fill up time.

S-3b

12. John and Bob were talking about their favorite TV shows. John kept talking about his favorite show and would not give Bob a chance to talk. Finally, Bob told John that he thought John's favorite show was stupid. John got mad and they got into a fight.

What caused the problem?

- A. Bob and John did not like the same TV shows.
- B. Bob put down John's favorite show.
- C. John was angry at Bob.
- D. John talked but would not listen.

S-1f

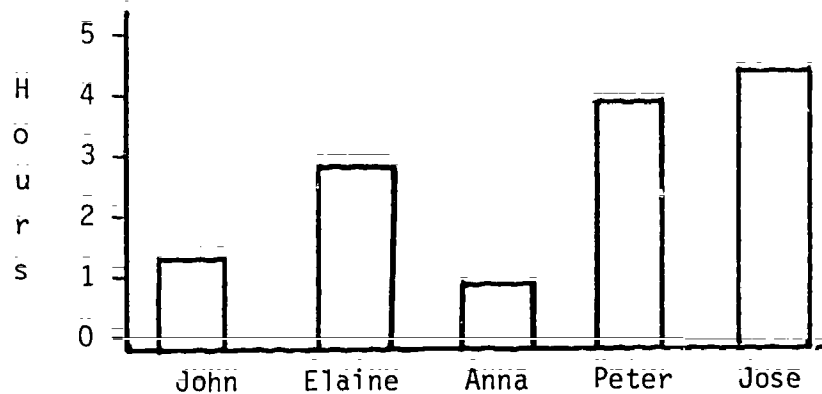
13. Mrs. Jones borrowed money from a bank to open a pet shop. Two years later, she paid back the money she borrowed, and opened a second pet shop. A year later, she opened a third pet shop in another town.

What can you tell about Mrs. Jones from this story?

- A. She cannot decide where to have her pet shop.
- B. She is a successful businesswoman.
- C. She likes to live in many different towns.
- D. She has many pets at home.

DIRECTIONS: Look at the graph and answer the question below.

Hours of TV Watched in a Week



14. Peter made a graph that shows how much TV each of his friends watches during the week.

Which one of the following does the graph tell us?

- A. Elaine watched more TV than her friends.
- B. Jose watched less TV than his friends.
- C. Peter watched less TV than Jose.
- D. John and Anna watched the same amount of TV.

K-9

K-8d

DIRECTIONS: Answer YES or NO to the following questions.

15. Does the President ALWAYS have to obey the laws of the United States?  
A. Yes      B. No
16. Does the judge ALWAYS have to obey the laws of the United States?  
A. Yes      B. No
17. Does an army general ALWAYS have to obey the laws of the United States?  
A. Yes      B. No

DIRECTIONS: Below are some statements about Eskimos in Alaska and Hawaiians in the Pacific Ocean area. Decide whether each statement is TRUE or FALSE.

18. Both Eskimos and Hawaiians build houses out of ice and snow.  
A. True      B. False
19. Both Eskimos and Hawaiians use fish as a source of food.  
A. True      B. False
20. Both Eskimos and Hawaiians use dog sleds for transportation.  
A. True      B. False



DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

21. People in the Arctic often wear fur parkas and sealskin boots. People in the Tropics often wear loose, lightweight clothing. People in the Desert often wear several layers of clothing.

Why do these people dress so differently?

- A. They want to keep up with the latest styles.
- B. They try to look just like the people they see from far away places on television shows.
- C. They dress that way because of the weather.
- D. The stores in their countries don't have good selections of clothes.

K-3e

K-5f

22. Which of the following is needed by all people?

- A. oil
- B. shoes
- C. automobiles
- D. water

23. Which of the following is needed by all people?

- A. money, land, books
- B. television, telephone, car
- C. food, clothing, shelter
- D. bike, radio, toys

24. Which of the following is needed by all people?

- A. bikes, balls, candy
- B. caring, sharing, love
- C. playing, talking, visiting others
- D. toys, games, movies

25. When Alan's mother goes to work, she wears a uniform. Alan sees his mother as he walks to school. When she waves her arms and blows a whistle, cars and trucks stop and go.

Alan's mother is:

- A. a fire fighter.
- B. a bus driver.
- C. a football referee.
- D. a police officer.

26. Jack's mother goes to her office each day in the city. One of the things she does at work is to give shots to pets.

Jack's mother is a:

- A. nurse.
- B. veterinarian.
- C. police officer.
- D. dentist.

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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27. Because of the changes in the weather from one season to the next, what do we do differently?

- A. sleep at different times
- B. watch different TV programs
- C. dress differently
- D. talk differently

28. Nomads are people who move from place to place. They never settle down in one place.

Why do Nomads move?

- A. Other people do not want them around.
- B. They move to find food and water.
- C. They move because it is the only thing they know how to do.
- D. There is no room for them in other places.

29. There are people living in a rocky, cold place where the temperatures are below freezing most of the year. It is cloudy there most of the time. These people would like to have oranges, melons, and other fruits.

Which one of the following is the BEST way for these people to get the fruits?

- A. Grow them underground.
- B. Grow them in solar greenhouses.
- C. Get them from places with warmer climates.
- D. Move to a warmer country.

K-4f

30. Tom moved to another country. He understood the language, became familiar with some customs, and made some good friends. After two years, one of his letters stated, "I am now feeling more comfortable with the people. I am beginning to understand some of their customs and beliefs."

Based on this, why was Tom successful in getting along with the people in another country?

- A. He just acted as if all people around the world should have the same customs.
- B. He tried to learn about and accept the customs of the people in the country.
- C. He decided to teach the people in the other country that his customs were better.
- D. He decided to give up his own customs and just live like the people in the other country.

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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31. When Susan was visiting in Japan, she went to dinner at the house of her friend. People took off their shoes when entering the house.

Why would they remove their shoes?

- A. Shoes make too much noise when worn in the house.
- B. Japanese shoes are not comfortable to wear.
- C. People in Japan do not like to wear shoes.
- D. Customs in Japan are different from American customs.

K-4d

32. John is spending the night with Bill. Bedtime at Bill's house is 8:30 p.m. At John's house, bedtime is 9:30 p.m.

John should understand that:

- A. all families should go to bed at the same time.
- B. each family has its own way of living.
- C. going to bed early is better.
- D. John's family's ways are better than Bill's.

K-4a

33. The fourth grade class was on a field trip. When dinner was served, Lisa noticed that spaghetti with meat sauce was being served. Lisa's family does not eat meat.

Lisa should:

- A. not eat any dinner at all.
- B. ask for something different to eat.
- C. eat the spaghetti with meat sauce.
- D. leave the room until the others have eaten.

34. When Tom visited India with his parents, he discovered that many people in India do not eat beef because cows are special to some religions.

Tom learned that:

- A. people in India have strange religions.
- B. Americans do not eat the right kind of food.
- C. the foods that people eat are different in other countries.
- D. there are no cows in India.

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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35. Jim told Martha that the Pilgrims were the first people to live in the U.S. Martha said, "No, the first native Americans were:
- A. English.                      B. Blacks.  
C. Indians.                      D. French.
36. Who was the FIRST President of the United States?
- A. Thomas Jefferson              B. John F. Kennedy  
C. Abraham Lincoln              D. George Washington

K-4c

37. While Carlos was visiting his friend Ramon, he told him about his plan to go to a special school where he would learn to be a doctor. "The work will be very difficult," Carlos said. "I hope I can do well." Ramon replied, "There are no special schools in our small fishing village. I must work hard to learn about the care of a boat, the tying of fish nets, ocean currents, and the habits of fish. I hope I will do well, too."
- Which one of the following is an important idea expressed in this story?
- A. Carlos is much brighter than his friend Ramon.  
B. Ramon will not be successful because he does not have a chance to go to school.  
C. Both Carlos and Ramon have chances to learn very special skills.  
D. Both Carlos and Ramon will earn a lot of money by working hard.
38. Which of the following statements is true about American and Canadian children?
- A. Both American and Canadian children want to be healthy.  
B. American children want to be healthier than Canadian children.  
C. Canadian children want to be healthier than American children.  
D. Children of both countries do not care about health.

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DIRECTIONS: If you wanted to buy a bike, which of the following are important to think about?

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39. How much money do I have?  
A. Important                      B. Not Important
40. Do I need a bicycle?  
A. Important                      B. Not Important
41. Do my friends have the same kind of bike?  
A. Important                      B. Not Important

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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42. When buying gym shoes, which of the following is LEAST important?  
A. Color                              B. Size  
C. Cost                                D. Comfort

K-6a

43. Don's father is not working at this time. Which of the following should the family buy first?  
A. gas for the car                      B. food for the family  
C. clothes for the family              D. paint for the house
44. Susie wants a new bike. Her parents do not have the money to buy a bike.  
How could she get a new bike?  
A. save the money she earns  
B. hope she will get one for Christmas  
C. ask for a bike on her birthday  
D. use her friend's bike



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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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45. Many cities and towns post special speed limits on streets around schools. Drivers are supposed to go slower on these streets during the posted school hours.

Which one of the following is the BEST reason for lower speed limits around schools?

- A. to prevent accidents
- B. to protect school property
- C. to keep the school area quiet
- D. to catch speeding drivers

46. Many cities and towns have a law about crossing busy streets. The law says you must use a crosswalk and obey any "WALK" or "DON'T WALK" signs.

Which one of the following is the BEST reason why a city or town might have a crosswalk law?

- A. to punish people who break the law
- B. to make city traffic move slower
- C. to help people cross the street safely
- D. to keep cars from driving on busy streets.

47. In many restaurants, the area for customers who smoke is separated from non-smokers.

Why do restaurants separate their customers this way?

- A. Smokers take longer to eat since they always smoke before meals.
- B. The smokers like to sit near the exit in case a fire starts.
- C. There is an insurance rule that says all smokers must sit in a separate area.
- D. This will protect the rights of non-smokers.

K-10d

48. Which of the following do you feel would help MOST to avoid a fight with a friend?

- A. say only nice things to your friend
- B. talk with your friend to solve the problem
- C. only play games that your friend likes
- D. stop talking with your friend when you disagree

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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49. Jose's family just moved to the United States from Mexico. He wants to join the Boy Scouts. At the first meeting the other scouts tell him he cannot join because he is different.

- Why should Jose be able to join?
- A. he already has a scout's uniform
  - B. he knows the scout oath by heart
  - C. all people have the right to join groups
  - D. his older brothers were scouts

50. A young woman is giving a speech in the city park. She is demanding a change in a city law. A noisy crowd gathers to listen. The police arrive.

What would be the BEST action for the police to take?

- A. arrest the speaker for being against the government
- B. keep order and provide protection if needed
- C. tell the people listening to the speaker to go home
- D. tell the speaker not to criticize the government

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DIRECTIONS: Answer YES or NO to the following questions.

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51. Should a woman be allowed to run for President?

- A. Yes                                      B. No

52. Should a woman be allowed to become a lawyer?

- A. Yes                                      B. No

53. Should a woman be allowed to be a construction worker?

- A. Yes                                      B. No







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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions.

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67. Susie comes in from the playground. She is hot and tired. She wants a drink of water. Pat, John, Chris, and Jenny are standing in line at the water fountain. Jenny turns around to talk to Pat. Susie quickly pushes her way in front of the other children.

What should Susie have done?

- A. said, "girls first"                      B. waited her turn  
C. gone back to the playground          D. told the teacher

68. Mike smokes cigarettes. He is the only one in the family who does. The family asked him not to smoke in the house.

What should Mike do?

- A. He should apologize each time he smokes.                      B. He should not smoke in the house.  
C. He should smoke when he is alone in the house.                      D. He should smoke only once in a while in the house.

A-5a

69. Jim and Charles are at the candy store. Charles tells Jim to take some candy and put it in his pocket.

What should Jim do?

- A. Tell Charles to take the candy.                      B. Take it because Charles told him to.  
C. Take it because the store owner isn't looking.                      D. Jim should not take the candy.

70. Ann is working on her class project and has a few more things to finish. Her choir practice starts in 10 minutes. What should Ann do?

- A. Keep on working and miss the choir practice this time.  
B. Keep on working and go to choir practice late.  
C. Stop working and get ready to go to choir practice.  
D. Ask the teacher to change the time of choir practice.



