

Student Name: _____**Class:** _____**Student ID:** _____**Date:** {{DATE}}

Assessment Details

Duration: 45 minutes**Total Marks:** 100**Topics Covered:**

- Geographical Awareness
- Cultural Diversity
- Map Skills

Instructions to Students:

1. Read all questions carefully before attempting.
2. Show all working out - marks are awarded for method.
3. Use the map provided to identify geographical features.
4. Write your answers in the spaces provided.
5. If you need more space, use the additional pages at the end.
6. Time management is crucial - allocate approximately 1 minute per mark.

Section A: Multiple Choice Questions [20 marks]

Question 1

[2 marks]

Which continent is home to the countries of China, Japan, and India?

A) Africa

B) Asia

C) Europe

D) North America

Question 2

[2 marks]

Which of the following is a major cultural difference between the United States and Japan?

A) Language

B) Food

C) Family structure

D) All of the above

Question 3

[2 marks]

What is the largest desert in the world?

A) Sahara

B) Gobi

C) Mojave

D) Atacama

Question 4

[2 marks]

Which river is the longest in South America?

A) Amazon River

B) Paraná River

C) São Francisco River

D) Magdalena River

Question 5

[2 marks]

Which mountain range runs along the border between France and Spain?

A) Pyrenees

B) Alps

C) Carpathian Mountains

D) Apennine Mountains

Section B: Short Answer Questions [40 marks]

Question 6

[5 marks]

Describe the main differences between a democratic and authoritarian government.

Question 7

[5 marks]

What are the three main reasons why people migrate from one country to another?

Question 8

[5 marks]

Explain the concept of cultural relativism and provide an example.

Question 9

[5 marks]

Describe the geographical features of the African continent.



Section C: Map Identification [20 marks]

Question 10

[4 marks]

Use the world map provided to identify the following:

- The seven continents
- The countries of China, Japan, and India
- The major rivers of South America (Amazon, Paraná, São Francisco, and Magdalena)
- The mountain ranges of the Pyrenees, Alps, Carpathian Mountains, and Apennine Mountains

Question 11

[4 marks]

Identify the deserts of Sahara, Gobi, Mojave, and Atacama on the world map.



World Map

Assessment Guidelines

Read each question carefully and choose the correct answer.

Use complete sentences for short answer questions.

Use the map to identify geographical features.

Manage your time effectively to complete all sections within 45 minutes.

Differentiation Options

If you require any accommodations, please inform your teacher. Options include:

- Large-print or braille version of the assessment
- Extra time to complete the assessment
- Simplified version of the questions
- Bilingual version of the assessment
- Graphic organizer to support comprehension

Bloom's Taxonomy Alignment

This assessment aligns with the following levels of Bloom's Taxonomy:

- Knowledge: Multiple Choice Questions and Map Identification
- Comprehension: Short Answer Questions
- Application: Short Answer Questions
- Analysis: Short Answer Questions
- Synthesis: Short Answer Questions
- Evaluation: Short Answer Questions

Success Criteria

To be successful in this assessment, you should be able to:

- Identify and locate major countries and continents
- Understand basic cultural differences
- Recognize the importance of social studies in everyday life
- Analyze and evaluate information
- Communicate ideas clearly and coherently

Conclusion

Thank you for completing the Introduction to Social Studies assessment! Your teacher will review your work and provide feedback to support your learning.