



Preparation for the Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment

Guide #1 | Social Studies Multiple Choice

Who are you?

If you are in grade 5 or 6 and will be taking the next Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment created by the Caribbean Examination Council, then this packet is for you. This packet has past exam questions which have been solved with explanations to help you learn how to solve similar questions. Completing this packet will increase your chances of passing the exam with the highest possible score.

Who are we?

This packet was created by the Caribbean Education Project, a team of students and teachers from universities in the United States and the Caribbean. Our goal is to help you with your preparations for the next exam and to help you better understand each topic. We want you to achieve your best score on the exam. If you are not clear on concepts after reading the material, ask your parent or guardian for help. If they cannot help, ask another family member or a friend. If no one can help you, then ask your parents to send us a message on Facebook or WhatsApp or e-mail us.

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How to use this guide:

1. The following pages have a total of 50 past exam questions. Try to answer these questions in the prescribed 75 minutes. If you are not able to answer a question, skip it and go on to the next question. When you are done answering all the questions, you can return to the ones you are having trouble with during your remaining time.
2. It is okay if you were not able to answer all the questions correctly on your first try. Keep practising the questions, and you will get better. Soon, you will be able to answer all the questions in the 75 minutes. (**TIP:** Practice makes you perfect, so keep practising.)
3. Answers to all the questions are on the pages immediately after the practice test. When you finish answering the questions, compare your answers to the answers on these pages.
4. Mark the questions which you got wrong.
5. Read our guide to solving each question. Even for questions you got correct, read the explanations we provided because you will likely learn something from them. Our explanations provide valuable information which can provide you with additional tricks to solve other problems.
6. Always read the instructions for each question carefully before attempting to answer. Also, read the question itself carefully and pay attention to what the question is asking you to do before attempting to answer it.
7. We provide the answers to all the questions in the practice exams to help you. Do not look at the answers before you attempt the questions. If you look at the answers before, you will not learn a lot from this packet. So, do we have a deal? Okay, I heard you say yes.
8. Once you have finished reading the work kit, complete the additional practice questions. Do not refer to the attached answers until you have attempted each problem.





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1 hour 15 minutes

Hey students, for the purposes of practice, you can ignore the instructions listed in steps 3-5 below about shading circles on an answer sheet. We have included that here so you will be familiar with these instructions on exam day.

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. This examination has **50** questions. You have 1 hour 15 minutes to answer them.
2. Each question has four possible answers: (A), (B), and (C). Read each question carefully then choose the correct answer.
3. On your answer sheet, find the number that matches the question you intend to answer.
4. Shade the circle which has the same letter A, B, or C next to the answer you have chosen.

Sample Question

To which of the following groups does a family belong?

- (A) Primary
- (B) Informal
- (C) Secondary

Sample Answer



The correct answer is “Primary”, so (A) has been shaded.

5. If you want to change your answer, erase it completely before you fill in your new choice.
6. When the supervisor tells you to begin, turn the page and work as quickly and as carefully as you can.
7. If you try a question and find that you cannot answer it, leave it and go on to the next one.

You may return to that question later.

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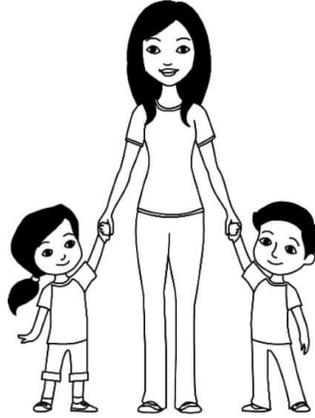
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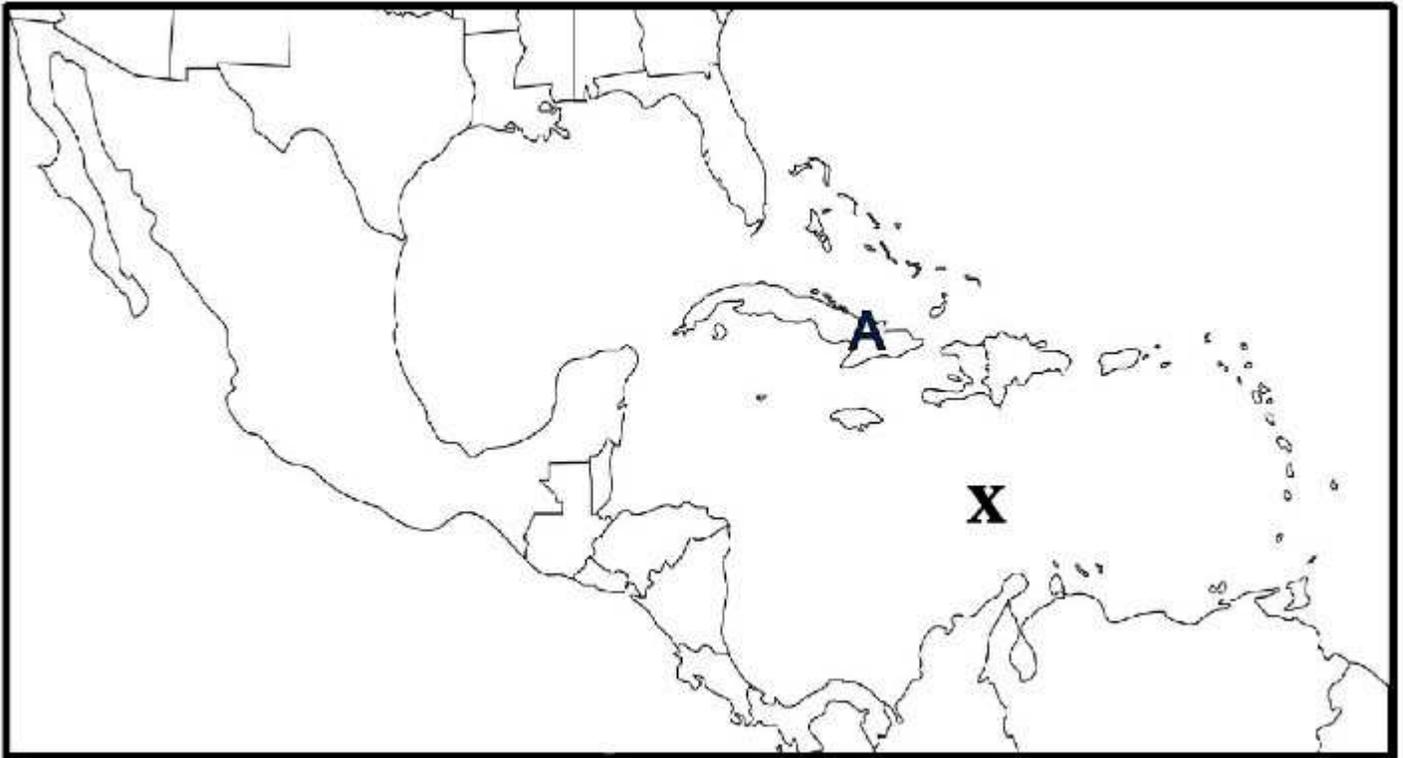
- (A) Adding chlorine
- (B) Adding cubes of ice
- (C) Reducing leaks in pipes

22. Andrea has decided to move from her district to work in the city. This type of migration is referred to as

- (A) rural
- (B) internal
- (C) external



Questions **23** and **24** refer to the map of the Caribbean shown below.



23. Which of the following countries does the letter A mark?

- (A) Cuba
- (B) Jamaica
- (C) Puerto Rico

24. The area marked X is known as the

- (A) Gulf of Mexico
- (B) Atlantic Ocean
- (C) Caribbean Sea

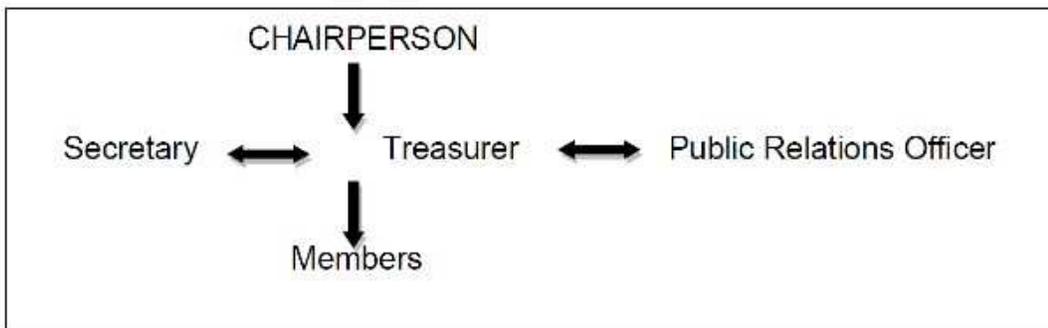
25. Which of the following instruments is used to measure temperature?

- (A) Barometer
- (B) Anemometer
- (C) Thermometer

26. One difference between a republic and a constitutional monarchy is that the citizens in a republic vote for a _____.

- (A) President
- (B) Chief Minister
- (C) Governor General

Study the chart below that shows the structure of a group then answer question 27.



27. What type of group does this structure BEST represent

- (A) Peer
- (B) Formal
- (C) Informal

28. Queen Elizabeth II is represented in some Caribbean countries by the

- (A) Prime Minister
- (B) Governor General
- (C) Leader of the Opposition

29. The laws of most Caribbean countries are made in the

- (A) Court
- (B) Senate
- (C) Parliament

30. In most Caribbean countries, general elections are officially due every

- (A) four years
- (B) five years
- (C) ten years

31. Citizens may keep their governments responsive by

- (A) seeking employment
- (B) participating in elections
- (C) attending political meetings



- 32.** During the sitting of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition walked out. This is likely to have resulted from
- (A) conflict
 - (B) cooperation
 - (C) consultation
- 33.** A patriot is a person who
- (A) loves and serves his country
 - (B) refuses to obey the laws of his country
 - (C) buys goods only from foreign countries
- 34.** Which of the following behaviours is expected of a good citizen?
- (A) Damaging the property of others
 - (B) Disobeying the laws of the country
 - (C) Showing respect for the property of others
- 35.** Which of the following institutions was formed when the majority of Caribbean countries decided to work closely together as a trading group?
- (A) CARICOM
 - (B) CEDEMA
 - (C) CARIFTA



36. The countries of the Caribbean trade with each other. This way of trading is described as

- (A) local
- (B) international
- (C) interregional

37. National symbols are important to a country because they

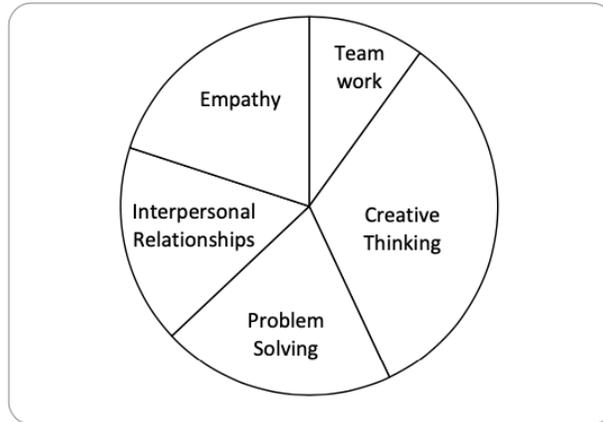
- (A) identify ethnic groups
- (B) promote pride among citizens
- (C) represent economic prosperity

38. Countries throughout the region have national heroes. For which of the following reasons might a person be selected as a national hero?

- (A) Never leaving his country
- (B) Marrying a citizen of his country
- (C) Representing the rights of the people of his country



Study the graph below that shows the life skills a Grade 6 class needs to improve then answer questions 39-42.



39. Which type of graph is shown above?

- (A) Pie chart
- (B) Bar graph
- (C) Line graph

40. Which TWO life skills have the same percentage of students?

- (A) Empathy and teamwork
- (B) Problem-solving and empathy
- (C) Team work and creative thinking



41. Which of the following life skills needs GREATEST improvement?

- (A) Team work
- (B) Problem solving
- (C) Interpersonal relationships

42. For which TWO life skills do the percentage of students add up to about 50% of the class?

- (A) Empathy and problem solving
- (B) Problem solving and creative thinking
- (C) Interpersonal relationships and team work

43. Which of the following workers provide services to the community?

- I. Pharmacist
- II. Banker
- III. Taxi driver

- (A) I and II only
- (B) II and III only
- (C) I, II and III

44. Which of the following TWO goods does the Caribbean sell to European countries?

- (A) Sugar and rum
- (B) Petroleum and oil
- (C) Vehicles and engine parts



- 45.** Many large farmers in the Caribbean buy fertilizer from overseas to increase crop production. Into which of the following activities does this practice fall?
- (A) Bartering
 - (B) Exporting
 - (C) Importing
- 46.** Mary works in a factory that makes nutmeg jam. Which of the following industries BEST describes where she works?
- (A) Tertiary
 - (B) Primary
 - (C) Secondary
- 47.** Caribbean countries trade with other countries because they want to
- (A) earn foreign exchange
 - (B) protect the natural environment
 - (C) share common cultural experiences
- 48.** One way in which tourism is important to the Caribbean region is that it
- (A) encourages people to share their profits
 - (B) creates employment opportunities for citizens
 - (C) provides the opportunity for hoteliers to make beaches private



49. Which of the following practices can farmers use to preserve the environment?

- (A) Replanting trees
- (B) Removing topsoil from the land
- (C) Burning sugar cane before reaping

50. Ecotourism is BEST related to the development of

- (A) sports
- (B) festivals
- (C) nature resources

END OF TEST

IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS UP, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS ASSESSMENT



ANSWER EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1 ANSWER EXPLANATION

1. Which of the following is NOT considered to be a right of a child?

- (A) Name
- (B) Marriage
- (C) Education

A right is something that a person is entitled to, and it should never be taken away from them. The person should always be able to have or act upon their rights. A child is any person under the age of 18. The question asks which of the choices are **NOT** the rights of a child. The government states that children have the right to a name and identity so answer choice **A** is incorrect. Children also have the right to receive an education regardless of who they are and where they come from so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Marriage, however, is not the right of a child because children are too young to be married. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 2 ANSWER EXPLANATION

2. Chris wants to take good care of his body so that he can remain healthy. Which of the following should he **avoid**?

- (A) Mental stress
- (B) Daily exercise
- (C) Adequate rest

The question asks for what Chris should **avoid** to remain healthy. Daily exercise strengthens your heart and improves your circulation. Adequate rest and sleep both improve concentration and restore energy. answer choices **B** and **C** will keep Chris healthy, so they are incorrect. Continued stress, however, may contribute to serious health problems over time so **answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 3 ANSWER EXPLANATION

3. Margaret lives with her grandparents, parents and cousins. To which of the following family types does she belong?

- (A) Sibling
- (B) Nuclear
- (C) Extended

Answer choice **A** is incorrect because siblings are two or more people that share the same parents; it is not a family type. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because a nuclear family refers to a single-family unit made up only of parents and their child or children. A nuclear family is different from an extended family, which typically consists of multiple family units. An extended family includes relatives that are not part of the single-family unit such as uncles, aunts, cousins, and grandparents. Answer choice **C** describes Margaret's family best. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 4 ANSWER EXPLANATION

4. Which of the following practices are likely to contribute to good health?

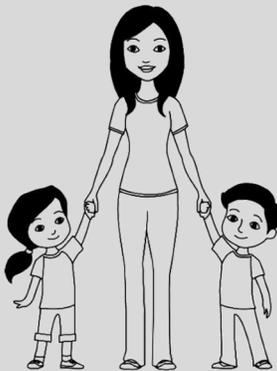
- (A) Eating as one likes
- (B) Practising personal hygiene
- (C) Watching television all night

The question asks about the choice that is **MOST LIKELY** to contribute to good health. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because eating whatever one likes can contribute to poor health if one likes to only eat unhealthy foods. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because watching television all night will result in less sleep. Sleep is important for staying healthy - it improves concentration and restores energy. Answer choice **B** is the best answer because practising personal hygiene reduces the risk of getting sick. **Answer choice B is correct.**



QUESTION 5 ANSWER EXPLANATION

5. The picture below shows a family comprising of a parent and two children. Which of the following persons should be added to the picture so that it shows a nuclear family?



- (A) Father
- (B) Cousin
- (C) Grandmother

As explained in question 3, an extended family includes relatives that are not part of the single-family unit such as uncles, aunts, cousins, and grandparents. Answer choices **B** and **C** are incorrect because a cousin and a grandmother are part of the extended family. A nuclear family refers to a single-family unit, composed of only the parents and their child/children. The picture shows a mother and two children. Answer choice **A** is the best answer because a father is also a part of the nuclear family as he is the other parent of the children. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 6 ANSWER EXPLANATION

6. Which of the following is an example of an action that contributes to cooperation among family members?

- (A) Being disrespectful to each other
- (B) Completing tasks that are assigned
- (C) Refusing to take responsibility for actions

Cooperation is the process of working together well toward a common goal. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because being disrespectful means acting rudely and impolitely. Acting disrespectfully often causes problems, which will prevent cooperation. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because refusing to take responsibility for actions can lead to distrust. For example, if someone is not responsible, people are less likely to believe that they can complete tasks, and this can also create conflict. Completing tasks that are assigned is a good example of working together and cooperating. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 7 ANSWER EXPLANATION

7. Which of the following are roles of responsible parents in the family?

- (i) Protecting children from abuse
- (ii) Correcting children when they do wrong
- (iii) Allowing children the freedom to do what they want

- (A) i and ii only
- (B) i and iii only
- (C) ii and iii only

A responsible parent is one that cares for their children. Parents are responsible for teaching their children morals, providing necessary food and shelter, and keeping them safe. Protecting children from abuse is an example of keeping them safe, so (i) is correct. Correcting children when they do wrong is an example of teaching children morals so (ii) is correct. Allowing children to do what they want is not responsible because they can get hurt or do something morally wrong so (iii) is also incorrect. Answer choice **A** is the only choice that contains all of the correct options. **Answer choice A is correct.**

TIP: After realizing (iii) is incorrect, the process of elimination can be used to complete this question. **B** and **C** both contain (iii) so both are incorrect. The only remaining answer choice is the correct one.



QUESTION 8 ANSWER EXPLANATION

8. Heavy rains damaged Miss Sylvie’s chicken coop. Mr Francis, a friend from the village, repaired it. Which of the following characteristics did Mr Francis demonstrate?

- (A) Affection
- (B) Favouritism
- (C) Neighbourliness

By repairing Miss Sylvie’s chicken coop, Mr Francis showed great kindness to his neighbor. Affection is the feeling of fondness or liking that is associated with romantic love. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because helping a friend does not indicate romantic love. Favouritism is the practice of giving unfair special treatment to one person or group. Giving this special treatment to one group often harms another group that is not getting special treatment. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because no one was harmed when Mr Francis helped Miss Sylvie. Neighborliness is the act of being friendly and helpful to neighbors. Mr Francis is a neighbor in the same village and was friendly enough to help Miss Sylvie by fixing her chicken coop. **Answer choice C is correct.**

Question 9 refers to the picture below that shows workers in the community.

QUESTION 9 ANSWER EXPLANATION

9. Which of the following is likely to happen if these workers do NOT do their job?



- (A) Soil erosion
- (B) Noise pollution
- (C) Outbreak of diseases

The workers shown in the picture are waste collectors. Their job is to collect waste from homes, businesses, or other areas and bring them to waste disposal. Soil erosion is the removal of the upper layer of soil from the ground. Waste collection does not involve taking away the top layer of soil, so answer choice **A** is incorrect. Noise pollution is harmful or annoying levels of noise mainly caused by transportation, manufacturing, and construction. Noise pollution will not increase if the workers stopped doing their job so answer choice **B** is incorrect. Trash and other waste can be sources of bacteria which may lead to sickness and an outbreak of diseases if they are not disposed of. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 10 ANSWER EXPLANATION

10. Countries put laws in place in order to

- (i) protect the rights of citizens
- (ii) restrict the movement of citizens
- (iii) reduce the incidents of crime

- (A) i and ii only
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Laws are created to ensure general safety of the population and to protect the rights and freedoms of citizens against abuses by others. Option (i) is correct because laws help in maintaining order, resolving disputes, and protecting rights. Option (ii) is incorrect because restricting the movement of citizens violates citizens’ rights (citizens have the right to move freely in their country) which is the opposite of what laws are meant to do. Disobeying laws will lead to punishments like fines or jail time which discourage people from committing crimes so (iii) is correct. Both (i) and (iii) are correct. Thus, **answer choice B is correct.**



QUESTION 11 ANSWER EXPLANATION

11. Culture may BEST be defined as
- (A) the way of life of a people
 - (B) respect shown by people
 - (C) dances performed by people

Culture is defined as the practises, arts, social actions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group. Answer choices **B** and **C** can both be considered PART of a culture as they are examples of customs and art that a group of people may practice. However, the question asks for the **BEST** choice out of the answers and these choices are not overall definitions of what culture is. Answer choice **A** best describes what culture is overall. The statement “the way of life of a group of people” includes all of the customs, arts, and social institutions of the group. This includes both how they act (respect shown by people) and the traditions they hold (dances performed by people). **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 12 ANSWER EXPLANATION

12. Which of the following countries is NOT a place from which a large number of ancestors of Caribbean people came?
- (A) India
 - (B) China
 - (C) Russia

From 1838 to 1917, over half a million Indians from the former British India and Colonial India, were taken to nations in the Caribbean as indentured workers to plant sugar cane. Immigrants from China also came to the Caribbean seeking safety from political unrest and environmental disasters. By the end of the nineteenth century, about 18,000 Chinese immigrants would arrive in the Caribbean to also work on sugar plantations. Both answer choices **A** and **B** are incorrect because the question asks for the country that is **NOT** where a large number of ancestors of Caribbean people came from. Very few Russian immigrants came to the Caribbean. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 13 ANSWER EXPLANATION

13. People of different ethnic groups were brought to the Caribbean under various systems. Under which of the following systems were the Africans brought to the Caribbean?
- (A) Slavery
 - (B) Conscription
 - (C) Indentureship

Conscription is the required enlistment for state service, typically into the armed forces. Africans were not brought to the Caribbean to serve in the army so answer choice **B** is incorrect. Indentureship is the contracted period of being a servant bound to service for a specified time in return for passage to a colony. Africans did not agree to contracts and were not freed until the end of slavery in the British Caribbean in 1834 so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Africans were brought to the Caribbean against their will for slave labour on sugar plantations. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 14 ANSWER EXPLANATION

14. Wakes and christenings are cultural celebrations associated with
- (A) death and birth
 - (B) feasts and planting
 - (C) marriage and harvest

Awake is a social gathering associated with death, usually held before a funeral. Christenings are religious celebrations where a baby is given a Christian name at baptism as a sign of admission to a Christian Church. The baby at the Christening suggests that the child was recently born. Answer choices **B** and **C** do not relate to wakes or christenings so they are incorrect. **Answer choice A is correct.**



QUESTION 15 ANSWER EXPLANATION

15. Which of the following activities is MOSTLY associated with the African ancestors of Caribbean people?

- (A) Planting rice
- (B) Telling stories
- (C) Making pepper-pot

African ancestors of Caribbean people were first brought to the Caribbean as slaves to work on plantations. While African slaves did work on rice plantations, they were more associated with sugar plantations as it was the larger industry at the time so answer choice **A** is incorrect. Pepper-pot is a dish that came from indigenous peoples of the Americas, not from African ancestors, so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Folklore is the passing on of beliefs, traditions, and stories by word of mouth. Many elements of Caribbean folklore have African origins because slaves brought from Africa made up a large majority of those brought to the region. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 16 ANSWER EXPLANATION

16. In a multiracial society, citizens are MOST likely to

- (A) lose their identity
- (B) neglect their own cultural activities
- (C) learn to live together as a community

A multiracial society is one where people of many races and cultures live together. In a multiracial society, people often learn to respect the traditions and practices of one another and live in harmony. Answer choices **A** and **B** are incorrect because citizens don't need to lose their identity and own cultural activities in order to live in harmony with those from different backgrounds. Instead, citizens can share and educate others on their culture which will strengthen their identity while at the same time learning about the experiences of others. Gaining an understanding of other cultures does not take away from your own cultural identity. Answer choice **C** is correct because living in a multiracial society will allow citizens to better understand and accept others, and that can create a thriving community. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 17 ANSWER EXPLANATION

17. Which of the following is an example of the cultural heritage of the Caribbean?

- (A) Local currency
- (B) Flora and fauna
- (C) Traditional dress

Culture is the customs, arts, social practises, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group. Currency is a system of money used in a particular country and is not related to customs or traditions so answer choice **A** is incorrect. The flora are the plants and the fauna are the animals of a particular region, habitat, or geological period. Plants and animals can be used in traditions but the actual plant and animal is not passed down to later generations so answer choice **B** is incorrect. How people dress and the traditional clothes they wear are often considered symbolic and passed down to later generations. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 18 ANSWER EXPLANATION

18. John has learned many things from his environmental club at school. Which of the following behaviours is he MOST LIKELY to exhibit?

- (A) Dispose garbage in the sea.
- (B) Make compost in his back yard.
- (C) Eat lunch from Styrofoam containers.

Environmental clubs seek to teach students about how to care properly for the environment and nature. Disposing garbage in the sea increases pollution and will harm sea life. Styrofoam containers cannot be broken down by composting or recycling, so they always lead to more pollution. Both answer choices **A** and **C** go against the principles of environmental protection. Composting, however, creates rich soil from food and plant waste - it turns waste into something useful for the environment. By creating a compost in his back yard, John is helping the environment, which is what an environmental club would want him to do. **Answer choice B is correct.**



QUESTION 19 ANSWER EXPLANATION

19. Which of the following is a non-renewable resource?

- (A) Water
- (B) Plants
- (C) Bauxite

A renewable resource is one that can be used repeatedly and does not run out because it is naturally replaced. Water is renewed in the water cycle. Water evaporates into water vapor, condenses to form clouds, and precipitates back to earth in the form of rain and snow, so answer choice **A** is incorrect. Plants can be renewed through planting, farming, and saving seeds so answer choice **B** is incorrect. Nonrenewable natural resources are things that take longer than a person's lifespan to be replaced. Bauxite is a mineral that can take millions of years to form. **Answer choice C is correct.**

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- (A) an animal shelter
- (B) a tourist attraction
- (C) a playground for children

A volcano is a crack in the crust of the Earth that allows hot lava, volcanic ash, and gases to escape from underneath the Earth's surface. A volcano would not be suitable for an animal shelter or a playground for children because the hot lava and dangerous gases do not make a safe place for animals or children so answer choices **A** and **C** are incorrect. A volcano can be beneficial as a tourist attraction because it will bring in an income for the community as people travel and pay to view the amazing volcano. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 21 ANSWER EXPLANATION

21. Which of the following is the MOST suitable method of ensuring that people have access to safe drinking water?

- (A) Adding chlorine
- (B) Adding cubes of ice
- (C) Reducing leaks in pipes

Adding cubes of ice does not make the water cleaner, it only makes it colder. That means answer choice **B** is incorrect. Reducing leaks in pipes would reduce the amount of water that gets wasted, but it does not purify the water so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Adding small amounts of chlorine kills germs in the water making it safe to drink. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 22 ANSWER EXPLANATION

22. Andrea has decided to move from her district to work in the city. This type of migration is referred to as

- (A) rural
- (B) internal
- (C) external

Rural migration refers to the movement of people from the countryside into the cities. Although it may seem answer choice **A** is correct, the question does not explicitly state that Andrea is moving from a rural area, so we should look at the other answer choices to make sure. External migration occurs when a person or group of people migrates to a different country. Districts and cities are different areas within the same country and Andrea stayed within her country so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Internal migration or domestic migration is human migration within one nation-state. Andrea moved, but she stayed within her country, which makes her move internal migration. **Answer choice B is correct.**



Questions 23 and 24 refer to the map of the Caribbean shown below



QUESTION 23 ANSWER EXPLANATION

23. Which of the following countries does the letter A mark?

- (A) Cuba
- (B) Jamaica
- (C) Puerto Rico

See the map below for countries in the Caribbean. The country labelled by the letter A is Cuba. **Answer choice A is correct.**



QUESTION 24 ANSWER EXPLANATION

24. The area marked X is known as the

- (A) Gulf of Mexico
- (B) Atlantic Ocean
- (C) Caribbean Sea

See the map below for bodies of water around the Caribbean. The area marked by the X is a body of water between South America and the Caribbean known as the Caribbean Sea. **Answer choice C is correct.**





QUESTION 25 ANSWER EXPLANATION

25. Which of the following instruments is used to measure temperature?

- (A) Barometer
- (B) Anemometer
- (C) Thermometer

A barometer is an instrument measuring the pressure in the atmosphere so answer choice **A** is incorrect. An anemometer is a device used for measuring wind speed and direction so answer choice **B** is incorrect. A thermometer is a device that measures temperature or a temperature gradient. **Answer choice C is correct.**

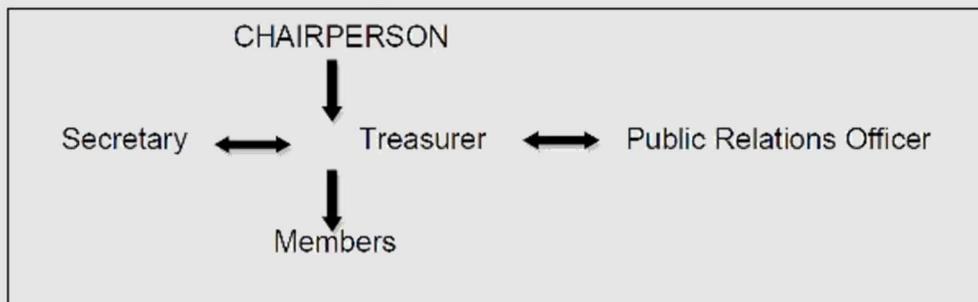
QUESTION 26 ANSWER EXPLANATION

26. One difference between a republic and a constitutional monarchy is that the citizens in a republic vote for a _____.

- (A) President
- (B) Chief Minister
- (C) Governor General

A republic is a type of government where power is held by the common people and the representatives that they elect. At the head of a republic, the highest elected executive official is known as the president. A constitutional monarchy is a system of government in which a monarch, typically a king or queen, rules with limited power under a written government constitution or parliament. Under this government, the citizens may only vote for members of the parliament, but not the monarch. Therefore, answer choice **A** is the best choice because a president can be voted for by citizens in a republic but is NOT found in a constitutional monarchy. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because a chief minister is a head of government that is often appointed by a legislative body and is not voted into position by citizens. A governor general, the leader representing the monarch in a sovereign state, is not elected by the common people and is instead appointed by the head of government. **Answer choice A is correct.**

Study the chart below that shows the structure of a group then answer **question 27**.



QUESTION 27 ANSWER EXPLANATION

27. What type of group does this structure BEST represent

- (A) Peer
- (B) Formal
- (C) Informal

The structure shown describes a type of group that contains a leadership power structure, or hierarchy, where certain positions are shown to be higher than others. The Chairperson is shown to be above the 3 equal roles of Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer. These roles all then appear to be above the role of Members. Given that there is a power structure, answer choice **B** is the best option. Choice B is best because a formal group is defined by professional relationships in a well-defined structure where position determines importance. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because a peer group is a type of social group made of people who share something in common and interact without established positions. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because an informal group also creates personal relationships, lacks defined structure, and members have no set positions. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 28 ANSWER EXPLANATION

28. Queen Elizabeth II is represented in some Caribbean countries by the

- (A) Prime Minister
- (B) Governor General
- (C) Leader of the Opposition

Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state of 16 Commonwealth countries. In 15 of these 16 countries, Queen Elizabeth II elects a representative to rule as the head of state to carry out daily duties on her behalf. This official is known as the Governor General which is correctly identified in answer choice **B**. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because a Prime Minister is a head of government in a parliamentary system. Answer choice **C** is also incorrect because Leader of the Opposition is a title held by the leader of the largest political party not in governance in a parliamentary system. Neither a Prime Minister nor a Leader of the Opposition are found as representatives of the Queen in any Caribbean countries. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 29 ANSWER EXPLANATION

29. The laws of most Caribbean countries are made in the

- (A) Court
- (B) Senate
- (C) Parliament

Most Caribbean countries have Parliamentary government systems. A Parliament is a legislative body consisting of elected and appointed officials who vote on laws. This is where the laws of most Caribbean countries are made so answer choice **C** is the best answer. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because a court is a place where an authority figure, often a judge, will rule over trials and legal disputes to carry out justice according to law. The court is where laws are carried out, but it is not where laws are made. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because although a Senate is part of the overall government law making body, it is a smaller upper assembly that is not present in most Caribbean countries and only exists in some as part of the Parliament. Parliament is the overarching law-making body in which a Senate may make up one chamber and is therefore the better answer. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 30 ANSWER EXPLANATION

30. In most Caribbean countries, general elections are officially due every

- (A) four years
- (B) five years
- (C) ten years

Of the 26 Caribbean countries, 18 of them hold general elections for head of government every five years while only 8 of them hold elections every four years. Therefore, most Caribbean countries have general elections due every five years which is answer choice **B**. Answer choices **A** and **C** are incorrect because only a minority of Caribbean countries have general elections due every four years and none of them have general elections due every ten years. **Answer choice B is correct.**



QUESTION 31 ANSWER EXPLANATION

- 31.** Citizens may keep their governments responsive by
- (A) seeking employment
 - (B) participating in elections
 - (C) attending political meetings

This question is asking how citizens can ensure that their governments are serving the people's changing needs and concerns and making sure their voices are being heard. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because although seeking employment is good for the economy, it doesn't tell the government what the citizens need. Answer choice **C** is also incorrect because although attending political meetings is a good way to stay informed about political events, it does not necessarily involve interacting with the government and creating change. Although this may seem like a tempting choice, you should recognize that answer choice **B** is the better option because by participating in elections, citizens can directly influence who is voted into office and choose the person with the viewpoints that aligns with theirs to be in control of government policy. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 32 ANSWER EXPLANATION

- 32.** During the sitting of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition walked out. This is likely to have resulted from
- (A) conflict
 - (B) cooperation
 - (C) consultation

This question requires you to use context clues and an understanding of what the Leader of the Opposition is. You do not have to be familiar with an event like this to be able to correctly infer the answer. The Leader of the Opposition is the title held by the leader of the largest political party that does not hold the majority of the seats in Parliament. Keeping this in mind, given that it is said that the Leader of the Opposition "walked out," you can infer that they walked out in protest because they were upset or disagreed with what was being said. Answer choice **A** makes most sense because a conflict would most likely produce a negative reaction like this. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because cooperation would produce positive emotions as people are working together well. Answer choice **C** is also incorrect because a consultation means to meet with an expert and seek advice. Neither cooperation nor a consultation would cause a negative reaction like walking out in the middle of a sitting of Parliament. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 33 ANSWER EXPLANATION

- 33.** A patriot is a person who
- (A) loves and serves his country
 - (B) refuses to obey the laws of his country
 - (C) buys goods only from foreign countries

A patriot is a person who loves, supports, and defends their country with devotion. This best fits with answer choice **A** which matches very well with this definition. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because refusing to obey the law goes against defending and supporting your country as you are disobeying the rules set in place for everyone's protection. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because buying goods only from foreign countries means you are supporting the businesses and economy in other countries but not supporting your own country. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 34 ANSWER EXPLANATION

- 34.** Which of the following behaviours is expected of a good citizen?
- (A) Damaging the property of others
 - (B) Disobeying the laws of the country
 - (C) Showing respect for the property of others

A few qualities of being a good citizen include being patriotic, following laws, contributing to the community, and being respectful of others. Many of the qualities also align with being a good law-abiding person. Answer choice **A** is incorrect; damaging the property of others creates an unsafe environment for others which goes against the qualities of being a good citizen. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because disobeying the laws of the country also creates an unsafe environment for others and goes against the most basic expectations of being a citizen. Answer choice **C** is correct because showing respect for the property of others demonstrates that you contribute to creating a safe society and respect others, therefore you are a good citizen. **Answer choice C is correct.**



QUESTION 35 ANSWER EXPLANATION

35. Which of the following institutions was formed when the majority of Caribbean countries decided to work closely together as a trading group?

- (A) CARICOM
- (B) CEDEMA
- (C) CARIFTA

In 1973, many Caribbean countries decided to cooperate financially through trading and formed CARICOM, also known as the Caribbean Community and Common Market. It is an organization that is currently made up of 15 member nations. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because CEDEMA is the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency that consists of the CARICOM nations but focuses on providing assistance in the event of a disaster. Answer choice **C** is also incorrect because although CARIFTA, which stands for the Caribbean Free Trade Association, also aimed to provide an area of free trade, this organization was not founded by a majority of Caribbean countries. This organization was later superseded by and developed into CARICOM which did begin with the majority of Caribbean countries. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 36 ANSWER EXPLANATION

36. The countries of the Caribbean trade with each other. This way of trading is described as

- (A) local
- (B) international
- (C) interregional

Although the countries in the Caribbean are considered independent nations from each other, they are considered as part of the Caribbean region because of shared physical and cultural characteristics as well as physical proximity. Since these countries are within one region, trading between them is considered interregional trading as in the trade is taking place within one region. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because local trade is trade that takes place completely within a country whether between states, cities or villages. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because international trade refers to trade across international borders between countries. Although trading between Caribbean countries is technically trade between different countries, the term interregional trading is more applicable as the countries in the Caribbean are more connected economically through organizations like CARICOM and are all considered part of one region. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 37 ANSWER EXPLANATION

37. National symbols are important to a country because they

- (A) identify ethnic groups
- (B) promote pride among citizens
- (C) represent economic prosperity

National symbols are symbols that used to represent a nation or sovereign state and intend to unite and represent all the people within it. They are meant to be celebrations of patriotism and nationalism. Answer choices **A** and **C** are incorrect because although a national symbol can both identify ethnic groups and represent economic prosperity, these are not ideas that are present in every national symbol and are not the reasons why the symbols are important. This question is asking more specifically about the purpose of a national symbol which is best represented by answer choice **B**. ALL national symbols are meant to inspire patriotism and nationalism. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 38 ANSWER EXPLANATION

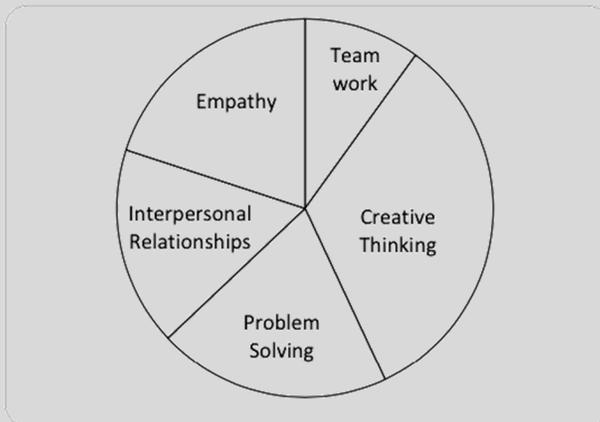
38. Countries throughout the region have national heroes. For which of the following reasons might a person be selected as a national hero?

- (A) Never leaving his country
- (B) Marrying a citizen of his country
- (C) Representing the rights of the people of his country



National heroes are often those who have accomplished outstanding good deeds and services for the good of their nation and the people in it. Answer choices **A** and **B** are incorrect because never leaving your country and marrying only a citizen of your country does not make a national hero as those are not achievements that necessarily better your country or help those in it. Leaving your country or marrying a citizen of another country does not lessen your nationalism or heroism. Instead, something that can be considered a good deed for your nation and improves the lives of others is representing and protecting your fellow people's rights. Therefore, **answer choice C is correct.**

Study the graph below that shows the life skills a Grade 6 class needs to improve then answer **questions 39-42.**



QUESTION 39 ANSWER EXPLANATION

39. Which type of graph is shown above?

- (A) Pie chart
- (B) Bar graph
- (C) Line graph

The picture shows a circular graph with each life skill being marked as a slice. The size of each slice compared to the entire circle, represents the percent of all of the students in the class that have that life skill. Answer choice **A** is correct because a Pie chart is a circle chart that uses slices to illustrate how data relates to each other. This best describes the graph shown above. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because a bar graph is a diagram in which the largeness of a variable is represented by the height of its rectangular bar on the graph. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because a line graph is a graph that uses lines to connect individual data points to show changes in a variable over time. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 40 ANSWER EXPLANATION

40. Which TWO life skills have the same percentage of students?

- (A) Empathy and teamwork
- (B) Problem-solving and empathy
- (C) Team work and creative thinking

This question is asking you to recognize which two slices are the same size because size represents the percentage of students. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because when looking at the slices, it is evident that the teamwork slice is much smaller than the empathy slice – this indicates that a smaller percent of students have the skills for teamwork compared to empathy. Answer choice **B** seems correct because problem-solving and the empathy slices appear to be roughly the same size which indicates the same percentage of students have those skills. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because you can see that the creative thinking slice is more than double the size of the teamwork slice indicating that many more students have the creative thinking skill compared to the teamwork skill. Given the choices, it is clear answer choice **B** includes the slices that are the closest in size and therefore student percentages. **Answer choice B is correct.**



QUESTION 41 ANSWER EXPLANATION

41. Which of the following life skills needs GREATEST improvement?

- (A) Team work
- (B) Problem solving
- (C) Interpersonal relationships

The teamwork slice is the smallest compared to every other life skill within the pie chart. Since the size of the slice represents how much of the class has the life skill, it means that there are few people in the Grade 6 class that have the teamwork life skill. That indicates that this is the skill that needs the GREATEST improvement out of all of the life skills. Answer choices **B** and **C** are incorrect because the problem solving and Interpersonal relationships slices are both larger than the team work slice. This shows that more students in the class already have those life skills and therefore don't need as much improvement. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 42 ANSWER EXPLANATION

42. For which TWO life skills do the percentage of students add up to about 50% of the class?

- (A) Empathy and problem solving
- (B) Problem solving and creative thinking
- (C) Interpersonal relationships and team work

This question is asking you to identify which two life skills slices make up about half of the pie chart. When examining answer choice **A**, although empathy and problem-solving sectors aren't next to each other, you can estimate what they would look like together or even try to sketch one of them next to the other. When you do this, you will see that together they make up less than half of the circle. Although this choice may seem tempting, examine the other options to see if there is a better option that is closer to 50%. Next, look at answer choice **B**. Problem solving and creative thinking are luckily right next to each other and appear to be almost exactly half of the chart and is the best option so far. Lastly, with answer choice **C**, the slices aren't right next to each other but if you estimate what they would look like together, they make up much less than half of the circle. **Answer choice B is correct.**

QUESTION 43 ANSWER EXPLANATION

43. Which of the following workers provide services to the community?

- I. Pharmacist
- II. Banker
- III. Taxi driver

- (A) I and II only
- (B) II and III only
- (C) I, II and III

Pharmacists dispense medications, teach patients about the use of medications, and teach doctors about medication therapy. Bankers help individuals with their finances such as checking and savings. Bankers also help with loans for individuals who wish to buy a home or a car. A taxi driver is a professional driver who transports passengers to their chosen destinations through the use of a taxi cab. All of these workers provide helpful services to the community. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 44 ANSWER EXPLANATION

44. Which of the following TWO goods does the Caribbean sell to European countries?

- (A) Sugar and rum
- (B) Petroleum and oil
- (C) Vehicles and engine parts

The Caribbean islands have thriving crops of sugarcane plants which produce both sugar and rum. These options are represented by answer choice **A**. These are products that the Caribbean nations often export and sell to European countries which lack the climate and resources needed to grow these crops themselves. Answer choice **B** is incorrect because although there are a few Caribbean countries that have petroleum and oil reserves, these are not available in large amounts and are not often sold to European countries. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because vehicles and engine parts are not commonly built in the Caribbean and are usually bought from European countries instead. **Answer choice A is correct.**



QUESTION 45 ANSWER EXPLANATION

45. Many large farmers in the Caribbean buy fertilizer from overseas to increase crop production. Into which of the following activities does this practice fall?

- (A) Bartering
- (B) Exporting
- (C) Importing

Bartering is the exchange of goods or services for other goods or services without using money. The farmers in this question purchased fertilizer with money so answer choice **A** is incorrect. Exporting involves sending goods or services to another country for sale. The farmers did not send goods or services to other countries for sale so answer choice **B** is incorrect. Importing involves bringing goods or services into a country from abroad for sale. The farmers purchased fertilizer that initially came from another country, so this activity falls into the practice of importing. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 46 ANSWER EXPLANATION

46. Mary works in a factory that makes nutmeg jam. Which of the following industries BEST describes where she works?

- (A) Tertiary
- (B) Primary
- (C) Secondary

The three-sector model in economics divides economies into three sectors of activity: extraction of raw materials (primary), manufacturing (secondary), and services (tertiary). The primary sector involves such as farming, forestry, fishing and mining. The secondary sector of the economy includes industries that produce a finished, usable product or are involved in construction. The tertiary sector of industry involves the provision of services to other businesses as well as final consumers. Examples of services may involve transportation, distribution, pest control or entertainment. Mary creates nutmeg jam, a finished product that will be sold to a customer. **Answer choice C is correct.**

QUESTION 47 ANSWER EXPLANATION

47. Caribbean countries trade with other countries because they want to

- (A) earn foreign exchange
- (B) protect the natural environment
- (C) share common cultural experiences

Trade with other countries involves more transportation and shipping. Increased shipping will require more fossil fuels which will contribute more to climate change, so answer choice **B** is incorrect because climate change is bad for the environment. Trading with other countries does not necessarily mean that the countries will share common cultural experiences. It is more likely that foreign countries have different cultural experiences from countries in the Caribbean, so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Selling products and services to other countries is meant to earn money which comes in the form of stronger foreign currency, allowing Caribbean countries to earn foreign exchange. This will help strengthen the Caribbean economy. **Answer choice A is correct.**

QUESTION 48 ANSWER EXPLANATION

48. One way in which tourism is important to the Caribbean region is that it

- (A) encourages people to share their profits
- (B) creates employment opportunities for citizens
- (C) provides the opportunity for hoteliers to make beaches private

Tourism brings people from other regions to the Caribbean for pleasure or business and often means they will spend money at local businesses and shops. This inflow of money is very good for the economy and it creates jobs and economic opportunities for local citizens as there are more goods and services that can be provided for tourists. This is best represented by answer choice **B**. Answer choice **A** is incorrect because tourism does not encourage people in the Caribbean region to share profits with each other, instead it provides more opportunity to create more profits for everyone. Answer choice **C** is also incorrect because the ability to have private hotel beaches is not a reason that tourism is important as this does not help the Caribbean region. **Answer choice B is correct.**



QUESTION 49 ANSWER EXPLANATION

49. Which of the following practices can farmers use to preserve the environment?

- (A) Replanting trees
- (B) Removing topsoil from the land
- (C) Burning sugar cane before reaping

To preserve the environment means to protect the environment and its natural resources from harmful human activities. The topsoil has the greatest concentration of nutrients and minerals that are vital for plants. Removing the topsoil will make it difficult for plants to grow in that area and will lead to degradation of the environment so answer choice **B** is incorrect. When sugar cane is burned to remove the outer leaves around the stalks before harvesting, thousands of tons of polluting gases are released into the air. Releasing harmful pollutants into the air contributes to climate change and can be harmful to humans so answer choice **C** is incorrect. Trees and other plants help reduce the effects of climate change. The roots of trees and plants also hold the topsoil together so that it will not be displaced by erosion, preserving the environment for future use. **Answer choice A is correct** because replanting trees benefits the environment.

QUESTION 50 ANSWER EXPLANATION

50. Ecotourism is BEST related to the development of

- (A) sports
- (B) festivals
- (C) nature resources

Ecotourism is a type of tourism that is directed towards natural environments and ecosystems to support conservation and observe wildlife. This has a focus on the environment and puts money towards developing natural resources such as forests. Answer choices **A** and **B** are incorrect because tourism of natural environments has little to do with sports or festivals which are periods of community celebrations and gatherings. **Answer choice C is correct.**

