



### **Who are you?**

If you are in grade 5 or 6 and will be taking the next Guyana National Grade Six Assessment, 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 40 past exam questions. Try to answer these questions in the prescribed 70 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 practicing the questions, and you will get better. Soon, you will be able to answer all the questions in the 70 minutes. (**TIP:** Practice makes you perfect, so keep practicing.)
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.





**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT  
PRACTICE TEST  
SOCIAL STUDIES (GUYANA)  
PAPER 1  
2020**

**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.

**1 hour and 10 minutes**

**READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

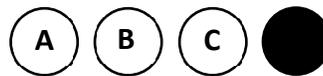
1. This test has **40** questions. You have 1 hour 10 minutes to answer them.
2. Each question has four possible answers: (A), (B), (C) and (D). Read each question carefully then choose the correct answer.
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4. Shade the circle which has the same letter, (A), (B), (C) and (D), that matches your answer for each question.

Sample Question

The capital of Guyana is

- (A) Linden
- (B) Lethem
- (C) Rose Hall
- (D) Georgetown

Sample Answer



The correct answer is “Georgetown”, so (D) 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.
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- (A) Jamaica
- (B) Barbados
- (C) Trinidad
- (D) St Lucia



**20.** All of the following are holidays observed in the month of May **except**

- (A) Arrival Day
- (B) Labour Day
- (C) Emancipation Day
- (D) Independence Day

Study the picture below and then answer **question 21**.



**21.** Which one of the following persons is most likely to receive the award above?

- (A) Policeman
- (B) Sportsman
- (C) A brave citizen of a country
- (D) Former President of a country

**22.** Which of the following shows the correct sequence of Guyana's political development?

- (A) Republic → Independence → Self Government → Colony
- (B) Colony → Self Government → Independence → Republic
- (C) Self Government → Colony → Independence → Republic
- (D) Colony → Independence → Self Government → Republic

**23.** Which institutions are associated with Local Government?

- (i) Town Council
- (ii) Auditor General's Department
- (iii) Regional Democratic Council
- (iv) Neighbourhood Democratic Council

- (A) i, ii and iii
- (B) i, iii and iv
- (C) i and iv only
- (D) ii and iii only

**24.** Before the National Assembly starts, the Sergeant-at-Arms places the Mace on a table in the Chamber.

This informs the National Assembly that

- (A) parliament is in session.
- (B) the Speaker is on his way.
- (C) the president will address the Assembly.
- (D) the Prime Minister will chair the session.



**25.** The **main** function of the Guyana Elections Commission is to

- (A) elect the president.
- (B) carry out a census.
- (C) conduct elections.
- (D) appoint the minority leader.

**26.** The abuse of drugs would **most likely** result in

- (A) strong and healthy bodies.
- (B) injury to our bodies and minds.
- (C) people forming lasting friendships.
- (D) students performing better in school.

**27.** Members of a School Co-operative Thrift Society can obtain all of the following benefits **except** that of

- (A) acquiring the habit of saving.
- (B) purchasing consumer items cheaply.
- (C) practising arithmetic and accounts skills.
- (D) acquiring skills to conduct orderly meetings.



Study the information below, then answer **questions 28 and 29**.

<p><b>Name: Michelle Smith</b></p> <p><b>Age: 8</b></p> <p><b>Medication: Children’s Tylenol Oral Suspension (take 1 teaspoon every four hours after meals)</b></p> <p><i>Aliyah Jones</i></p>
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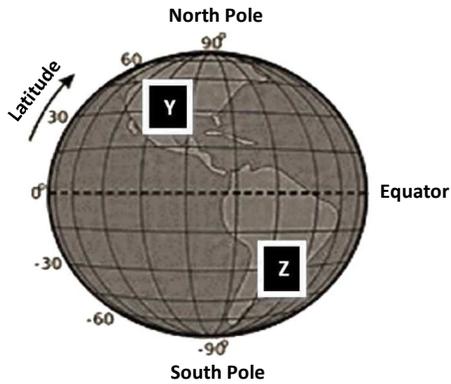
**28.** What is the name given to the document shown **above**?

- (A) Invoice
- (B) Prescription
- (C) Medication Sheet
- (D) Hospital statement

**29.** How should the patient take the medication?

- (A) One teaspoon before meals
- (B) Two teaspoons after each meal
- (C) One teaspoon every four hours after meals
- (D) Two teaspoons three times daily before meals

Study the globe below, then answer **questions 30 and 31**.



**30.** Which group of countries can be found in the continent labelled **Z**?

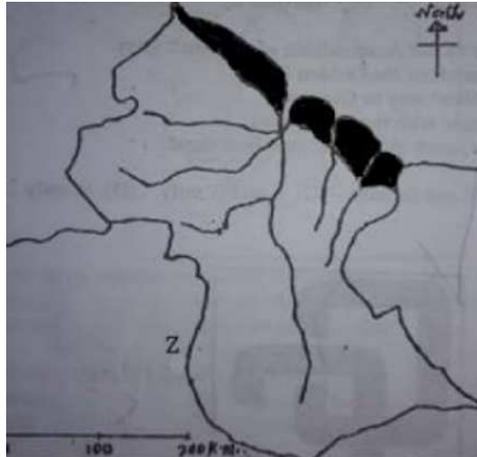
- (A) Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela
- (B) Brazil, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago
- (C) Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
- (D) Canada, United States of America, England

**31.** Savita is moving from continent 'Y' to continent 'Z'. Which set of clothing will be best for her to take?

- (A) Gloves and Vest
- (B) Sweaters and Coats
- (C) Sweaters and Gloves
- (D) Short pants and T-shirts



Study the Map of Guyana below, then answer **questions 32 and 33**.



**32.** The shaded area is **most populated** because it

- (A) has valuable forest.
- (B) is the largest natural region.
- (C) has more educational and job opportunities.
- (D) has several waterfalls and important mineral resources.

**33.** A person who is born on the **western side** of the river marked **Z** would **most likely** be a

- (A) Guyanese.
- (B) Brazilian.
- (C) Surinamese.
- (D) Venezuelan.

Study the map of the Caribbean below then answer **question 34**.



**34.** Which airport can be found in the country as indicated by the arrow?

- (A) Piarco International Airport
- (B) Vere Bird International Airport
- (C) Norman Manley International Airport
- (D) Grantley Adams International Airport

Study the list below then answer **question 35**.

- i Value Added Tax
- ii Income Tax
- iii Corporate Surcharges
- iv Licenses

**35.** A suitable title for the list is

- (A) A household budget
- (B) Expenditure of a government
- (C) Sources of government revenue
- (D) Sources of revenue for a household

**36.** Ram's parents refuse to send him to school. Of which right is Ram being deprived? A right to

- (A) be loved
- (B) an identity
- (C) an education
- (D) be protected

**37.** An important reason for the conservation of forests is to

- (A) reduce oxygen in the atmosphere.
- (B) provide places for leisure activities.
- (C) protect the habitats of animals and plants.
- (D) enhance our ability to use wood for construction.

Study the caption then answer **question 38**.

DON'T BURN YOUR LIFE AWAY

**38.** The caption above warns of the consequences of

- (A) lighting fires.
- (B) smoking cigarettes.
- (C) eating a lot of fried foods.
- (D) using prescribed medication.



Study the picture below then answer **question 39**.



**39.** The instrument in the picture is used to

- (A) show the direction of the wind.
- (B) measure the amount of rain fall.
- (C) determine the amount of sunshine.
- (D) measure the atmospheric pressure.

**40.** All the following are important reasons for listening to the weather report **except**

- (A) planning outdoor activities.
- (B) planting and harvesting of crops.
- (C) planning what to feed the animals.
- (D) packing the appropriate weather gears.

**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 represents a nuclear family?

- (A) Parents and child / children
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A nuclear family refers to a single-family unit, comprised of a both 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. These would include uncles, aunts, cousins, and grandparents. This following question asks which choice best represents a nuclear family. Answer choices **B** and **D** describe an extended family. Answer choice **C** describes specific members of a nuclear family but only mentions one parent. Answer choice **A** best describes all individuals that would be included in a nuclear family. **Answer choice A is correct.**

#### QUESTION 2 ANSWER EXPLANATION

2. The names M.V. Whitby and M.V. Hesperus are associated with the

- (A) Africans
- (B) Chinese
- (C) Portuguese
- (D) East Indians

The M.V Whitby and M.V. Hesperus were two boats that left India and arrived in Guyana in 1839. The boats brought the first batch of East Indians to Guyana in 1838. East Indians were recruited to be indentured servants by British plantation owners. East Indians were primarily brought to Guyana for labor, particularly on sugar plantations. The last batch of East Indians arrived in Guyana in 1917. **Answer choice D is correct.**

#### QUESTION 3 ANSWER EXPLANATION

3. Which **one** of the following countries is referred to as the ‘Giant of South America?’

- (A) Brazil
- (B) Colombia
- (C) Venezuela
- (D) Argentina

Brazil is the largest country in South America by population and by landmass. Brazil’s population is about 200 million people. The country’s large size in land mass is evident by the provided map to the right.

The question asks about the country referred to as the ‘Giant of South America.’ If you are unfamiliar with this name, Brazil’s large size in population and landmass is an indication that it is the ‘Giant of South America’.

**Answer choice A is correct.**



#### QUESTION 4 ANSWER EXPLANATION

4. The **least** populated Natural Region is the

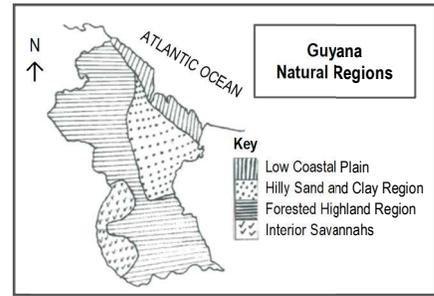
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The Forested Highland region is the largest of the four Natural Regions in Guyana by landmass. The map to the right shows this.

The Forested Highland region primarily consists of forest-covered mountains and highlands. This region is also the least populated of the Natural Regions.

If you did not know that the Forested Highland is the least populated, you should know that regions of dense forests and mountains tend to be characteristic of regions that are not heavily populated by humans. **Answer choice C is correct.**



#### QUESTION 5 ANSWER EXPLANATION

5. Which one is **not** Guyana's immediate continental neighbour?

- (A) Peru
- (B) Brazil
- (C) Venezuela
- (D) Suriname

Immediate continental neighbours refer to countries that **directly** border Guyana.

Venezuela is an immediate continental neighbour to Guyana from the west. Suriname is an immediate continental neighbour to Guyana from the east. Brazil is an immediate continental neighbour from the south. This is shown by the map to the right. Peru is not one of Guyana's immediate continental neighbours.



**Answer choice A is correct.**

#### QUESTION 6 ANSWER EXPLANATION

6. Guyana became a Cooperative Republic on the

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Guyana received its independence from the United Kingdom on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1966. However, it is important to note that upon independence from the United Kingdom, Guyana was still a dominion, or sovereign constitutional monarchy, with the British Queen as Head of State.

Guyana became a Cooperative Republic on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1970. From that day forward, Guyana cut ties to the British monarchy.

**Answer choice D is correct.**

#### QUESTION 7 ANSWER EXPLANATION

7. Which one of the following minerals is linked to the story of El Dorado?

- (A) Gold
- (B) Silver
- (C) Bauxite
- (D) Diamond

The story of El Dorado involves the rumored city of gold in the interior of South America, including Guyana. European explorers were motivated to find the city of gold and gain immense wealth. However, this rumored city was never discovered. Its existence is a mystery to this day. **Answer choice A is correct.**



**QUESTION 8 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

8. The group of persons selected by the Executive President to manage the affairs of the entire country is known as the

- (A) Cabinet.
- (B) Senators.
- (C) Opposition.
- (D) Councillors.

Answer choice **B** is incorrect because Senators are typically part of a legislative branch of government and are elected into office, not selected by the Executive President.

Answer choice **C** is incorrect because Opposition refers to a collection of members that are part of a minority party or political coalition in the National Assembly. Members of the Opposition are elected into office, not selected by the Executive President.

Answer choice **D** is incorrect because Councillors refer to members of Regional Councils within the 10 administrative regions of Guyana. Councillors are not selected by the President, they are elected into office.

The Cabinet refers to the group of persons selected by the Executive President to manage the affairs of the entire country. **Answer choice A is correct.**

**QUESTION 9 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

9. Which of the following illnesses is **not** a result of air pollution?

- (A) Asthma
- (B) Malaria
- (C) Bronchitis
- (D) Lung Cancer

Air pollution can cause breathing problems and respiratory ailments ranging from mild discomfort to severe disease. Because the question is asking us for an illness **not** related to air pollution, we should not choose answers that are related to breathing.

Asthma (answer choice **A**) is a condition in which the airways narrow and swell and produce extra mucus. This can make breathing difficult and trigger coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath. Air pollution can trigger and induce asthma. Bronchitis (answer choice **C**) is an inflammation of the lining of the bronchial tubes, which carry air to and from the lungs. Air pollution will aggravate and potentially induce bronchitis. Lung cancer (answer choice **D**) is a disease of air pollution resulting from the environment or from smoking.

Malaria is an infectious disease from a parasite that spreads through populations of mosquitoes. A person does not get malaria as a direct result of air pollution. **Answer choice B is correct.**

**QUESTION 10 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

10. John saw an old woman waiting to cross the road. What is expected of him?

- (A) Help her to cross the road
- (B) Ignore her and go on his way
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- (D) Shout on her to hurry up and cross

When we see another individual that might need assistance, we are expected to actively assist that individual. The old woman crossing the road is an example of an individual that might need assistance. Answer choice **B** suggests ignoring an individual that might need assistance, which would not help the individual. Answer choice **D** suggests shouting at an individual in need of assistance, which might create a stressful environment and put the individual in more danger. Answer choice **C** suggests commending (praising) the individual. While this might be a positive thing to do, it does not actively help the individual. Answer choice **A** suggests helping the individual in their action. This reflects an attempt to actively assist the individual. **Answer choice A is correct.**



**QUESTION 11 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

11. Which activity will **most likely** prevent relaxation?

- (A) Strolling in the park
- (B) Watching a movie with friends
- (C) Reading your favorite novel
- (D) Hearing loud music from your neighbour

Different activities can be relaxing for different individuals. However, relaxation usually involves quiet and calming activities to help feel less tension and/or anxiety. Answer choices **A**, **B**, and **C** describe activities that are usually chosen deliberately as ways to relax. Answer choice **D** describes an activity that an individual typically does not choose willingly and may not find relaxing. **Answer choice D is correct.**

**QUESTION 12 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

12. Cindy is a meteorologist. Which instrument will **not** be useful in performing her job?

- (A) Rain gauge
- (B) Telescope
- (C) Thermometer
- (D) Anemometer

Meteorologists study the weather. Therefore, they use instruments that measure different characteristics of the weather. Answer choice **A** (rain gauge) is an instrument that measures the amount of rain which falls. Answer choice **C** (thermometer) is an instrument that measures temperature. Answer choice **D** (anemometer) describes an instrument that measures the speed of the wind. However, the telescope is an instrument used to view distant objects. Viewing distant objects does not directly measure any characteristic of the weather. **Answer choice B is correct.**

**QUESTION 13 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

13. Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow is remembered for all of the following **except**

- (A) encouraging workers to strike.
- (B) opposing the colonial government.
- (C) fighting for the rights of employers.
- (D) encouraging workers to stand up for their rights.

Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow is remembered as the first Trade Union Leader not only in Guyana but also in the English-speaking Caribbean. He is often called the “Father of the Trade Union” and associated with workers’ rights before and after colonial rule. Because this question asks what is not necessary to remember about the work of Critchlow, answer choices **A** and **D** are not correct. Both options are consistent with Critchlow’s actions as a Trade Union Leader. Answer choice **B** is also not correct. Much of Critchlow’s role as a Trade Union Leader involved opposing the colonial government because the colonial government did not acknowledge workers’ rights. Hubert Nathaniel Critchlow did not fight for the rights of employers, he fought for the rights of workers. **Answer choice C is correct.**

**QUESTION 14 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

14. Which statement **best** suggests why Guyana uses English as its official language?

- (A) Many Englishmen still live here
- (B) Guyana became independent in 1966
- (C) Britain was the last country to govern Guyana
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Before Guyana received its independence in May 1966, it was referred to as British Guiana, a colony of the British Empire. Guyana was under British rule for 152 years, and English was the primary language spoken by British people. This fact has had a lasting carry-over influence on why Guyana uses English as its official language. **Answer choice C is correct.**

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Labour on plantations in Guyana before the 1830s depended on slavery. When slavery was abolished in Guyana in 1938, slaves were emancipated, or set free, and could leave plantations. Answer choice **A** is not correct as slaves could have children. Answer choice **B** is not correct. While slave rebellions occurred in Guyana, there was not a significant population of runaway slaves. Answer choice **C** is not correct. Newly freed slaves did not die in large numbers due to starvation. Therefore, the shortage of labourers on plantations was due to newly freed slaves leaving plantations. Some ex-slaves moved to towns, while others pooled their resources to purchase the abandoned estates of their former masters and created village communities. **Answer choice D is correct.**

**QUESTION 16 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

16. Which statement is **true** of the Amerindians of Guyana? They

- (A) were bought as slaves by the Africans.
- (B) came to Guyana in search of the Golden City.
- (C) came to Guyana to trade with the Europeans.
- (D) were fleeing from the harsh climate in their homeland.

Answer choices **A** and **B** are incorrect because it was Africans who were brought as slaves to Guyana, and it was Europeans who came to Guyana in search of the Golden City. Answer choice **C** is incorrect because there were no Europeans in Guyana at the time Amerindians came to Guyana.

The Amerindians crossed the Bering Strait from Asia to escape the colder climate. By crossing the Bering Strait, the Amerindians settled in the Americas, which includes Guyana. **Answer choice D is correct.**

**QUESTION 17 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

17. One historical wooden building in Guyana is

- (A) Banks D.I.H.
- (B) Bank of Guyana.
- (C) Parliament Building.
- (D) St. George's Cathedral.

A key part of answering this question correctly is choosing a **wooden** building. While the Parliament Building (answer choice **C**) is historical, it is made of brick, not wood. The Banks D.I.H. and the Bank of Guyana (answer choices **A** and **B**) are more modern buildings not made of wood.

St. George's Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral and National Monument located in Georgetown. It was designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield and was completed in 1899. St. George's Cathedral is particularly recognized because it was constructed using wood, and it ranks amongst the tallest wooden churches in the world, reaching a height of 43.5 metres (143 ft). **Answer choice D is correct.**



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**QUESTION 18 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**18.** Which function of government is suggested by the caption?

- (A) Judicial
- (B) Democratic
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- (D) Legislative

The caption describes the process of what happens when somebody breaks the law and is tried in court. Guyana is governed by three separate, but complementary, branches of Government: the Legislature (National Assembly), the Executive (President, Cabinet and Government Departments) and the Judiciary (Courts). The power to run the country is divided among the three branches to create a system of checks and balances.

“Democratic” is a term that means “relating to or supporting democracy or its principles.” It is not a function of the government, it implies a function of government where people rule by electing leaders. The Executive branch governs Guyana as a country. The focus of the Executive branch is to handle the needs of the entire country. The Legislature branch implies a function of the government that involves the National Assembly making laws. They make the laws but do not interpret the laws. Interpreting the law is the role of the Judicial branch.

The Judicial branch is the authority in the courts. The courts determine and interpret the law and handle the case-by-case transgressions of individuals who break the law. **Answer choice A is correct.**

**QUESTION 19 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**19.** A cricket match involving the West Indies and Sri Lanka is being played at the Kensington Oval. In which CARICOM country is the match being played?

- (A) Jamaica
- (B) Barbados
- (C) Trinidad
- (D) St Lucia

Often referred to as “the Mecca for West Indies Cricket,” the Kensington Oval is a stadium located in the capital city of Bridgetown on the island of Barbados. **Answer choice B is correct.**

**QUESTION 20 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

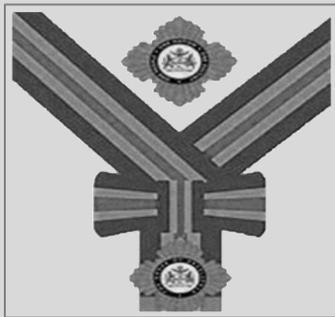
**20.** All of the following are holidays observed in the month of May **except**

- (A) Arrival Day
- (B) Labour Day
- (C) Emancipation Day
- (D) Independence Day

Arrival Day: 5 <sup>th</sup> of May	Labour Day: 1 <sup>st</sup> of May	Emancipation Day: 1 <sup>st</sup> of August	Independence Day: 26 <sup>th</sup> of May
Also known as Indian Arrival Day, this day commemorates the arrival of the first indentured labourers from India on May 5th, 1838.	This holiday is most commonly associated as a commemoration of the achievements of the labour movement. The holiday may also be known as International Worker’s Day or May Day.	This holiday marks the end of slavery in the British Empire. It is a public holiday in several Caribbean countries.	This holiday commemorates Guyana gaining its independence on May 26th, 1966.

**Answer choice C is correct.**

Study the picture below and then answer **question 21**.



#### QUESTION 21 ANSWER EXPLANATION

21. Which one of the following persons is most likely to receive the award above?

- (A) Policeman
- (B) Sportsman
- (C) A brave citizen of a country
- (D) Former President of a country

Established in 1970, the award shown above is the Order of Excellence of Guyana. This is the highest national award of Guyana and is limited to 25 living citizens of Guyana, regardless of their occupation. **Answer choice C is correct.**

#### QUESTION 22 ANSWER EXPLANATION

22. Which of the following shows the correct sequence of Guyana's political development?

- (A) Republic → Independence → Self Government → Colony
- (B) Colony → Self Government → Independence → Republic
- (C) Self Government → Colony → Independence → Republic
- (D) Colony → Independence → Self Government → Republic

The sequence of Guyana's political development starts with its status as a colony called British Guiana. Therefore, answer choices **A** and **C** cannot be correct. After the 1961 election in the newly created House of Assembly, British Guiana became a self-governing state. However, the British still controlled external and defense matters. In 1966, British Guiana was given independence from the British, and the state became referred to as Guyana. In 1970, Guyana became a Republic. **Answer choice B is correct.**

#### QUESTION 23 ANSWER EXPLANATION

23. Which institutions are associated with Local Government?

- (i) Town Council
- (ii) Auditor General's Department
- (iii) Regional Democratic Council
- (iv) Neighbourhood Democratic Council

- (A) i, ii and iii
- (B) i, iii and iv
- (C) i and iv only
- (D) ii and iii only

The Auditor General's Department promotes good governance including openness, transparency, and improved public accountability on a **national level**. Therefore, it is not associated with Local Government. We can now eliminate any answer choices that includes (ii); this allows us to eliminate answer choices **A** and **D**.

Answer choices **B** and **C** differ only in that **B** includes (iii). The Regional Democratic Council has the word "regional" in it, at that implies something local. **Answer choice B is correct.**



**QUESTION 24 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**24.** Before the National Assembly starts, the Sergeant-at-Arms places the Mace on a table in the Chamber. This informs the National Assembly that

- (A) parliament is in session.
- (B) the Speaker is on his way.
- (C) the president will address the Assembly.
- (D) the Prime Minister will chair the session.

It is tradition for the Sergeant-at-Arms to inform the National Assembly that the Speaker is on his or her way to the National Assembly by placing the Mace on a table in the Chamber. **Answer choice B is correct.**

**QUESTION 25 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**25.** The **main** function of the Guyana Elections Commission is to

- (A) elect the president.
- (B) carry out a census.
- (C) conduct elections.
- (D) appoint the minority leader.

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) is the entity responsible for the administration and conduct of elections in Guyana. It is headed by a chairman and six commissioners. Answer choices **B** and **D** are incorrect since they describe actions not involved in elections.

Answer choice **A** may be tempting to choose as it involves an election; however, it is important to understand that GECOM does not elect the president. Individuals elect representatives to the National Assembly, and the leader of the majority party in the National Assembly becomes the President. GECOM conducts elections. **Answer choice C is correct.**

**QUESTION 26 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**26.** The abuse of drugs would **most likely** result in

- (A) strong and healthy bodies.
- (B) injury to our bodies and minds.
- (C) people forming lasting friendships.
- (D) students performing better in school.

The word “abuse” typically means something bad. Abusing drugs often results in negative consequences. Of the four choices listed, only answer choice **B** is an option of something bad. **Answer choice B is correct.**

**QUESTION 27 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**27.** Members of a School Co-operative Thrift Society can obtain all of the following benefits **except** that of

- (A) acquiring the habit of saving.
- (B) purchasing consumer items cheaply.
- (C) practising arithmetic and accounts skills.
- (D) acquiring skills to conduct orderly meetings.

School Co-operative Thrift Societies are often voluntary associations of individuals who work together to save and meet insurance needs. These societies often encourage practising arithmetic and account skills as well as other skills to conduct orderly meetings. They do not allow consumers to purchase items at cheaper prices, but they do help with learning better spending habits. **Answer choice B is correct.**



Study the information below, then answer **questions 28 and 29**.

**Name: Michelle Smith**

**Age: 8**

**Medication: Children's Tylenol Oral Suspension (take 1 teaspoon every four hours after meals)**

*Aliyah Jones*

**QUESTION 28 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**28.** What is the name given to the document shown **above**?

- (A) Invoice
- (B) Prescription
- (C) Medication Sheet
- (D) Hospital statement

When a doctor decides on a treatment for a patient, the doctor issues a document with instructions on what medicine is needed, how much of the medicine to take, and how often to take it. This document is called a **prescription**. **Answer choice B is correct.**

An invoice and a hospital statement are documents that list goods and services rendered and typically show a balance that is due for payment. These are often called bills. A medication sheet is an ambiguous term that is not commonly used in the field of medicine.

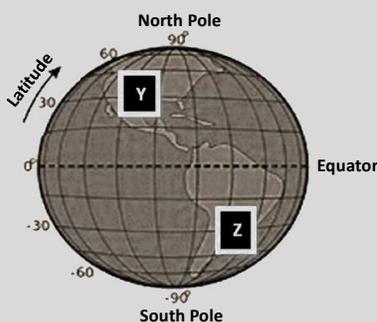
**QUESTION 29 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**29.** How should the patient take the medication?

- (A) One teaspoon before meals
- (B) Two teaspoons after each meal
- (C) One teaspoon every four hours after meals
- (D) Two teaspoons three times daily before meals

As mentioned in the previous answer explanation, a prescription includes instructions on how to use medication. The prescription above clearly describes to "take 1 teaspoon every four hours after meals." **Answer choice C is correct.**

Study the globe below, then answer **questions 30 and 31**.



**QUESTION 30 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

30. Which group of countries can be found in the continent labelled Z?

- (A) Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela
- (B) Brazil, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago
- (C) Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
- (D) Canada, United States of America, England

The continent labelled **Z** is South America and the continent labelled **Y** is North America. Answer choice **D** is incorrect because Canada and the United States of America are in North America while England is a part of Europe.

It is important to know that Caribbean countries, islands and territories are not part of South America. Trinidad and Tobago is the southernmost island country in the Caribbean, so it is not part South America. Answer choices **B** and **C** are therefore incorrect.

**Answer choice A is correct.**

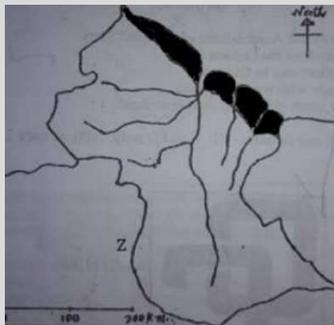
**QUESTION 31 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

31. Savita is moving from continent 'Y' to continent 'Z'. Which set of clothing will be best for her to take?

- (A) Gloves and Vest
- (B) Sweaters and Coats
- (C) Sweaters and Gloves
- (D) Short pants and T-shirts

Continent **Y** is North America, and continent **Z** is South America. North America typically has colder climate regions than South America, so if someone were moving from North America to South America, they would want to bring clothes associated with warmer climates. Clothes associated with warmer climates are short pants and T-shirts. **Answer choice D is correct.**

Study the Map of Guyana below, then answer **questions 32 and 33.**



**QUESTION 32 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

32. The shaded area is **most populated** because it

- (A) has valuable forest.
- (B) is the largest natural region.
- (C) has more educational and job opportunities.
- (D) has several waterfalls and important mineral resources.

The shaded region in the image above corresponds directly with the natural region referred to as the Low Coastal Plain. Answer choices **A**, **B**, and **D** are describing the Forested Highlands, not the Low Coastal Plains.

The Low Coastal Plains are associated with more educational and job opportunities as major cities like Georgetown, New Amsterdam, and Anna Regina are in the Low Coastal Plains. **Answer choice C is correct.**



**QUESTION 33 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**33.** A person who is born on the **western side** of the river marked **Z** would **most likely** be a

- (A) Guyanese.
- (B) Brazilian.
- (C) Surinamese.
- (D) Venezuelan.

The river marked **Z** is called the Takutu River. One significance of this river is it forms part of the boundary between Guyana and Brazil. The eastern side of the river is Guyana, and the western side of the river is Brazil. Therefore, someone born on the eastern side of the river would likely be Guyanese, and someone born on the western side of the river would likely be a Brazilian. **Answer choice B is correct.**

Study the map of the Caribbean below then answer **question 34.**



**QUESTION 34 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**34.** Which airport can be found in the country as indicated by the arrow?

- (A) Piarco International Airport
- (B) Vere Bird International Airport
- (C) Norman Manley International Airport
- (D) Grantley Adams International Airport

The country indicated by this arrow is the Caribbean island nation of Trinidad and Tobago, the southernmost island country in the Caribbean. There are two international airports in Trinidad and Tobago: Piarco International Airport is on the island of Trinidad, and the A.N.R. Robinson International Airport is on the island of Tobago. None of the answer choices are A.N.R. Robinson International Airport, so **answer choice A is correct.**

Answer choice **B** is an airport located in the nation of Antigua. Answer choice **C** is an airport located in Jamaica. Answer choice **D** is an airport located in Barbados.

Study the list below then answer **question 35.**

- i Value Added Tax
- ii Income Tax
- iii Corporate Surcharges
- iv Licenses

**QUESTION 35 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**35.** A suitable title for the list is

- (A) A household budget
- (B) Expenditure of a government
- (C) Sources of government revenue
- (D) Sources of revenue for a household



The first two items on the list are taxes, and a tax is money that people have to pay to the government. The government then uses these payments to pay for public goods and services like roads and parks.

With this knowledge, answer choices **A** and **D** cannot be correct because they refer to finances of the household, not the government. Answer choice **B** is not correct because it refers to expenditures, which means spending money.

**Answer choice C is correct.** Taxes are a source of government revenue, and revenue is another word for source of income.

#### **QUESTION 36 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**36.** Ram's parents refuse to send him to school. Of which right is Ram being deprived? A right to

- (A) be loved
- (B) an identity
- (C) an education
- (D) be protected

Answer choice **A** is incorrect. Ram's parents are not directly depriving Ram the right to be loved. Answer choice **B** is incorrect. Ram's parents are not directly depriving Ram the right to an identity. Answer choice **D** is incorrect. Ram's parents are not directly depriving Ram the right to be protected. Attending school is the primary way we receive an education. Therefore, by not allowing Ram to attend school, his parents are directly depriving Ram of his right to an education. **Answer choice C is correct.**

#### **QUESTION 37 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**37.** An important reason for the conservation of forests is to

- (A) reduce oxygen in the atmosphere.
- (B) provide places for leisure activities.
- (C) protect the habitats of animals and plants.
- (D) enhance our ability to use wood for construction.

Forest conservation is the preservation and the protection of forests for the benefit and sustainability of future generations. The question is asking why it is important for us to preserve our forests.

Answer choice **A** is incorrect because plants, trees, and other vegetation increase the amount of oxygen in the atmosphere while intaking carbon dioxide.

Answer choice **D** is incorrect because conservation of the forests decreases the ability to use wood for construction. Wood comes from trees and other plants, so maintaining these items prevents people from using them as a source for wood.

Answer choice **B** could be interpreted as the answer because nature is a popular place to enjoy a leisurely walk or hike, but for the most part, leisure activities are conducted in cleared areas. Examples include playing sports, riding a bike, and strolling around in a safe environment. Maintaining vegetation like trees prevents cleared areas from existing, so answer choice **B** is incorrect.

Forests are often the habitat of a diverse number of living species of plant and animals. Maintaining forests is a method of maintaining the homes of those plants and animals. **Answer choice C is correct.**



Study the caption then answer **question 38**.

DON'T BURN YOUR LIFE AWAY

**QUESTION 38 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**38.** The caption above warns of the consequences of

- (A) lighting fires.
- (B) smoking cigarettes.
- (C) eating a lot of fried foods.
- (D) using prescribed medication.

The following caption is telling individuals not to burn their life away. This is a common warning of campaigns against drug use, particularly against smoking cigarettes. **Answer choice B is correct.**

Study the picture below then answer **question 39**.



**QUESTION 39 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**39.** The instrument in the picture is used to

- (A) show the direction of the wind.
- (B) measure the amount of rain fall.
- (C) determine the amount of sunshine.
- (D) measure the atmospheric pressure.

The instrument depicted above is referred to by many names: weather vane, wind vane, weather cock and wind cock. Regardless of what it is called, the function of this instrument is to show the direction at which the wind blows. **Answer choice A is correct.**

**QUESTION 40 ANSWER EXPLANATION**

**40.** All the following are important reasons for listening to the weather report **except**

- (A) planning outdoor activities.
- (B) planting and harvesting of crops.
- (C) planning what to feed the animals.
- (D) packing the appropriate weather gears.

The question is asking which of the four choices is not influenced by the type of weather that is happening or predicted to happen. In other words, what must be done regardless of what is happening with the weather.

Answer choices **A**, **B**, and **D** are all activities specifically influenced by the weather. But animals needing to eat and the foods they eat are not influenced by how hot, cold, rainy, or sunny it is. **Answer choice C is the correct.**

