



Preparation for the Guyana National Grade Six Assessment

Guide #3 | Social Studies Free Response Guyana

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 6 past exam questions. Try to answer these questions in the prescribed 55 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 55 minutes. (**TIP:** Practise 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.



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL GRADE SIX ASSESSMENT
PRACTICE TEST
SOCIAL STUDIES (GUYANA)
PAPER 2
2010**

**Reading Time: 10 minutes
Writing Time: 45 minutes**

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. **WRITE YOUR CANDIDATE NUMBER CLEARLY ON EACH PAGE.**
2. The paper consists of **SIX** questions. You are required to answer **QUESTION ONE** and **THREE** others. **EACH** question is worth **5** marks.

Note: You must answer ONLY FOUR questions.

Be sure to answer **FULLY** the **FOUR** questions.

3. Write the answer in the space provided in this booklet.
4. Answers **MUST** be written in complete sentences where possible.
5. Drawings and handwriting **MUST** be clear at **ALL TIMES**.
6. If you have to erase, do so cleanly.
7. If you complete your work before the scheduled time, then spend the remaining time looking over your work.
8. **DO NOT** take away any part of this booklet.

DO NOT TURN THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.



CANDIDATE NUMBER: _____

Read the statement below, then answer **question 1**.

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1. (a) State **one** way in which exercise is important to our bodies.

1 mark

(b) Explain **two** ways by which persons may attain a certain level of physical fitness while remaining in their homes.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

2 marks

(c) Imagine you are the Minister of Health. Write **two** pieces of advice that you would give to Guyanese for them to maintain good health.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

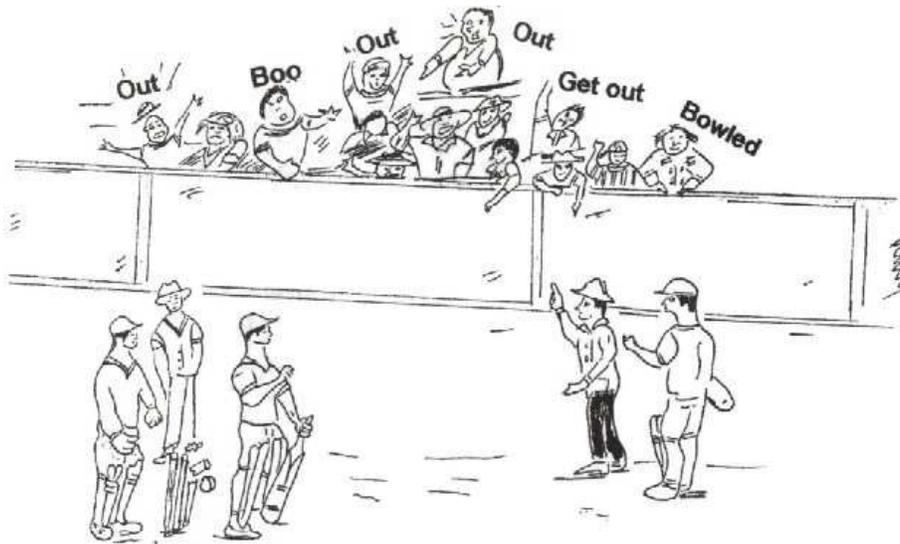
2 marks

Total 5 marks



CANDIDATE NUMBER: _____

Study the picture below, then answer **question 2**.



Cricket match at Sunflower Park

2. (a) How many players make up a cricket team?

_____ 1 mark

(b) (i) From the picture above, state which set of players the spectators are supporting.

_____ 1 mark

(ii) Give **one** reason for your answer in **(b)(i)**.

_____ 1 mark

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_____ 1 mark

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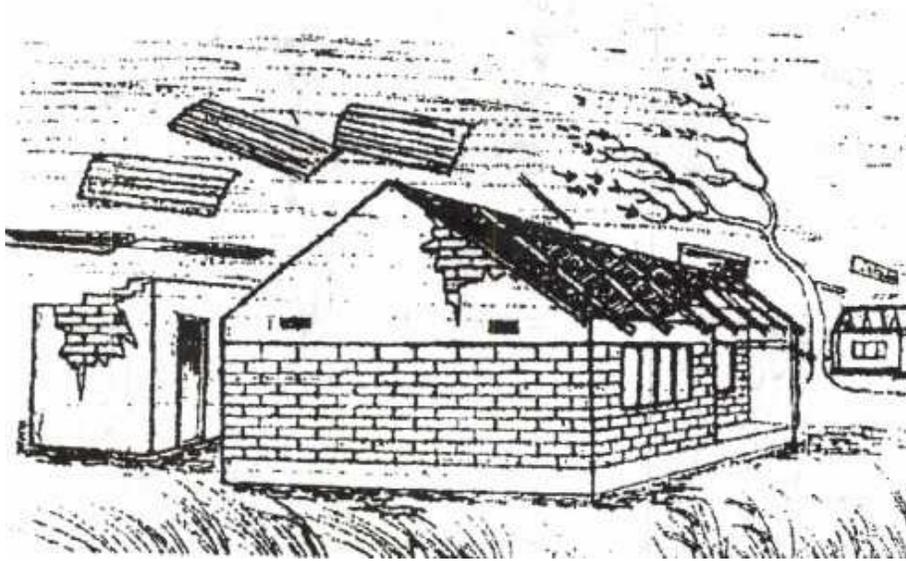
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CANDIDATE NUMBER: _____

Study the picture below, then answer **question 3**.



A Storm in the Caribbean

3. (a) Name the type of storm that is likely to cause the damage seen in the picture above.

1 mark

- (b) Identify **two** Caricom countries that are likely to experience the type of storm named in **3 (a)**.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

2 marks

- (c) Explain **two** effects that the storm could have on countries.

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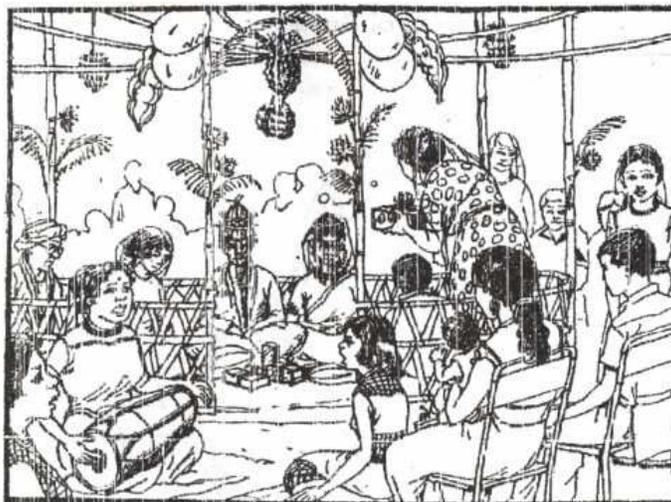
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CANDIDATE NUMBER: _____

Study the picture below, then answer **question 4**.



A Wedding Ceremony

4. (a) With which religious group are the bride and bridegroom **most likely** associated?

1 mark

(b) Which religious leader would perform the ceremony in the picture above?

1 mark

(c) From which country did the religious leader's ancestors come?

1 mark

(d) Explain **two** hardships that his ancestors experienced while working on the sugar plantations in British Guiana.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

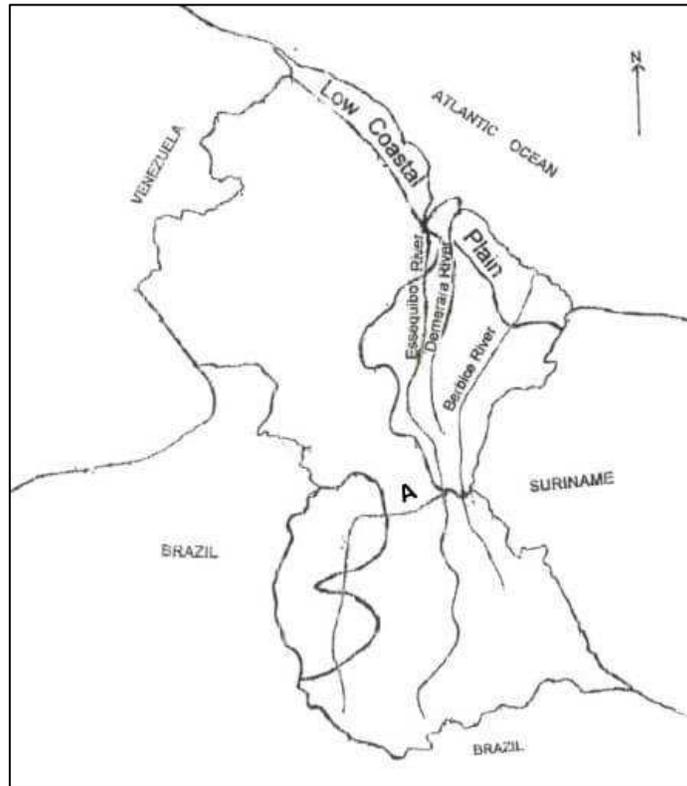
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CANDIDATE NUMBER: _____

Study the map below, then answer **question 5**.



Map of Guyana

5. (a) Name the River at **A**.

1 mark

(b) Shade the Forested Highland Region.

2 marks

(c) Describe **two** physical features in the Forested Highland Region that would prevent a large number of persons from living there.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

2 marks

Total 5 marks



ANSWER EXPLANATIONS

QUESTION 1 ANSWER EXPLANATION

Read the statement below, then answer **question 1**.

Many persons, today, are living very inactive life styles. They are spending most of their time watching televisions, or sitting in front of computers. They seldom exercise.

- (a) State **one** way in which exercise is important to our bodies. (1 mark)
- (b) Explain **two** ways by which persons may attain a certain level of physical fitness while remaining in their homes. (2 marks)
- (c) Imagine you are the Minister of Health. Write **two** pieces of advice that you would give to Guyanese for them to maintain good health. (2 marks)

Example Answers for part (a):

- (a) Exercise makes muscles and bones stronger, it increases energy levels, it helps to control weight, it helps to prevent diseases, it allows you to be more active, and it can help us feel happier and in a better mood.

Answer Explanation

When you exercise, the body releases chemicals called hormones that help your body build muscles. Also, during exercise your body moves oxygen around more efficiently which gives your body more energy to do activities. When your muscles such as your heart are stronger, you are less likely to get heart diseases.

Example Answers for part (b):

- (b) A person can do exercises that involve lifting their body weight, they can do yoga and stretching exercises, they can jump around and do exercises that move the arms and legs, they can dance, or they can even do chores that involve physical activity.

Answer Explanation

This question asks for ways that someone can obtain a level of physical fitness while staying home. Any level of physical fitness requires movement from your body, so list things that require a person to be active. The passage gives examples of ways that people do not get exercise like watching television or sitting in front of the computer. You can list things that are opposite of what the passages says for example: instead of watching television, someone could go play outside in the yard, can jump rope, can play catch; instead of sitting in front of the computer, someone could be active and do something productive like yoga or stretching.

Example Answers for part (c):

- (c) Eat vegetables and exercise every day, wash your hands often, brush your teeth twice a day, eat less sugar, get enough sleep, make sure to move around often, don't smoke, don't do drugs.

Answer Explanation

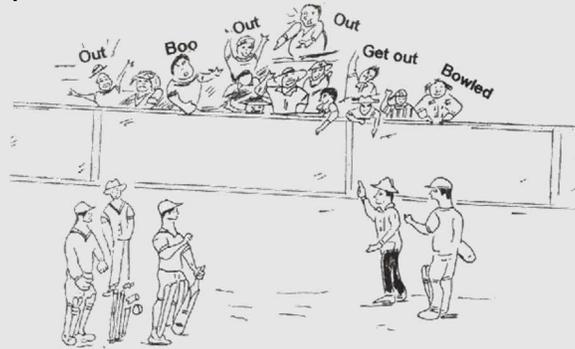
There are many options that can be listed. Maintaining good health is important for increasing the chances of surviving against harmful disease and pathogens in the world. People that eat balanced meals containing carbohydrates, proteins, and fat are fueling their bodies with the proper nutrients. Exercise maintains the bodies muscles and bones and prevents daily injuries from occurring. Both eating balance meals and exercising is important in maintain an individual's well-being.

Hygiene is another aspect of health that many people need to maintain in order to prevent them from being prone to illness and disease. Washing your hands is a very important aspect of disease prevention and ensures that you and others are not transmitting deadly pathogens to individuals that get sick easily. Brushing your teeth twice a day helps prevent your teeth from rotting. The teeth are an important part of the digestive system; without healthy teeth, you will not be able to break larger pieces of food.



QUESTION 2 ANSWER EXPLANATION

Study the pictures below, then answer **question 2**.



Cricket match at Sunflower Park

- (a) How many players make up a cricket team? (1 mark)
- (b) (i) From the picture above, state which set of players the spectators are supporting. (1 mark)
(ii) Give **one** reason for your answer in **(b)(i)**. (1 mark)
- (c) Explain **one** reason for the batsman remaining at the wicket after being given out by the umpire. (1 mark)
- (d) Give **one** way in which the umpire could have settled the matter. (1 mark)

Answer for part (a):

- (a) 11 players make up a cricket team.

Answer Explanation

Cricket is a sport that requires two teams to play against each other. The two teams consist of 11 players each. The reason there are 11 players is because one of the players is the bowler and the rest of players cover the field. Having 10 players covering the field allows the team to cover many different areas of the field making the game competitive and challenging.

Example Answers for part (b)(i)

- (b) (i) From the picture, it appears the spectators are supporting the team that is currently bowling. **-OR-** From the picture, it appears the spectators are supporting the team that is currently not batting.

Answer Explanation

The reason we can tell the spectators are supporting the team not currently batting is because of the words they are yelling at the batter. They use words like boo, out, get out, and bowled because they are saying that the bowler outs the batter. Those words being used by the spectators are negative and are implying that they believe the batter should be out.

Example Answers for part (b)(ii):

- (b) (ii) See the explanation above in b(i).

Example Answer for part (c):

- (c) The batsman may be challenging the umpire's ruling.

Answer Explanation

In many cases during a cricket match, there are times where things can be unsure. Sometimes the two field umpires believe that they need to review the dismissal to ensure that their decision being made about the play is correct. When issues like this happen, the umpires might discuss the ruling on the field with the third umpire (an off-the-field umpire who has the benefit of video replay to refer to) to come to a conclusion about the play that was made.

Example Answer for part (d):

- (d) The umpire can ask the third umpire to review the play.

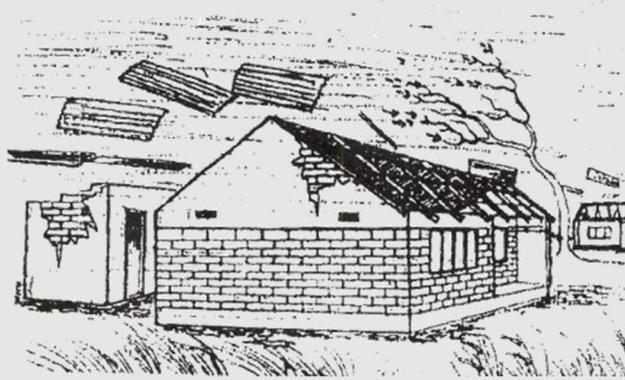
Answer Explanation

With the growth of technology, there are new ways in which umpires can check that a batter was completely out instead of relying on the third umpire or their own vision. Umpires can now review camera clips of the play to make sure their decision is correct. There even is certain specialized equipment that go off when the bat makes contact with the wickets. Other equipment used in cricket can create bowling patterns from the bowler to make sure that the ball correctly hit the wickets.



QUESTION 3 ANSWER EXPLANATION

Study the picture below, then answer **question 3**.



A Storm in the Caribbean

- (a) Name the type of storm that is likely to cause the damage seen in the picture above. (1 mark)
- (b) Identify **two** Caricom countries that are likely to experience the type of storm named in **3 (a)**. (2 marks)
- (c) Explain **two** effects that the storm could have on countries. (2 marks)

Example Answer for part (a):

(a) This storm appears to be a hurricane.

Answer Explanation

The answer for this question is tricky. There are two different types of storms that can cause damages illustrated in the picture: hurricanes or tornados. Both storms that have high speed winds that can cause damages that are similar in nature. The only distinction that can be made between a tornado and hurricane is where the storm forms. Hurricanes form over water while tornados form over land. On the illustration, it says "A storm in the Caribbean". The Caribbean is a set of islands located south of North America and east of Central America. Since the Caribbean is surrounded by vast amounts of water, it is more likely for a hurricane to form. Tornados usually occur in the middle region of the United States.

Example Answer for part (b):

(b) Two Caricom countries likely to experience hurricanes are the Bahamas and Jamaica.

Answer Explanation

For this question, the majority of the member states of Caricom that are Caribbean Islands would fit the answer. While the 15 member states are:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Belize
- Guyana
- Montserrat (a British overseas territory in the Leeward Islands)
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Bahamas
- Dominica
- Haiti
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Suriname
- Barbados
- Grenada
- Jamaica
- St. Lucia
- Trinidad and Tobago

Guyana and Suriname are not islands (and do not often experience hurricanes), and the Caribbean Islands that tend not to have many hurricanes include Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and St. Vincent.

Example Answers for part (c):

(c) Effects that a hurricane can have include flooding, destroying property, destroying crops, shutting down businesses, and shutting down electricity.

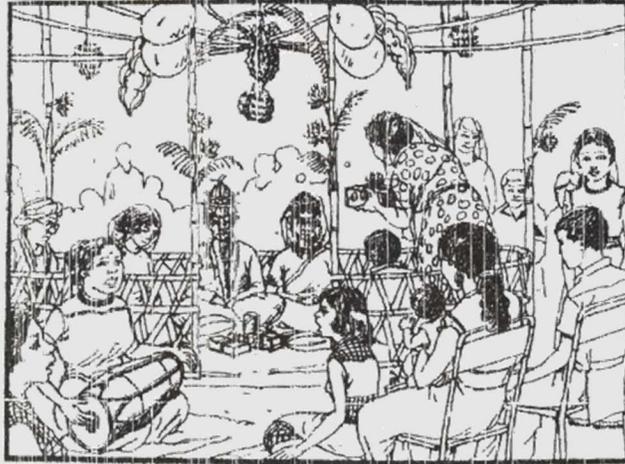
Answer Explanation

Hurricanes cause damage to buildings and the land. When buildings are destroyed, businesses and homes are in danger because they need their buildings. When the land is destroyed, crops are more difficult to grow because the land is not as fertile.



QUESTION 4 ANSWER EXPLANATION

Study the picture below, then answer **question 4**.



A Wedding Ceremony

- (a) With which religious group are the bride and bridegroom **most likely** associated? (1 mark)
- (b) Which religious leader would perform the ceremony in the picture above? (1 mark)
- (c) From which country did the religious leader's ancestors come? (1 mark)
- (d) Explain **two** hardships that his ancestors experienced while working on the sugar plantations in British Guiana. (2 marks)

Answer for part (a):

(a) Hinduism

Answer Explanation

Hindu weddings require a flame with both the bride and bridegroom sitting in front of it. During the ceremony, the bride and bridegroom repeat verses spoken by the pandit or priest to ensure that their marriage will be complete. Also, the woman playing the drums on the left side of the illustration has a dot on her forehead, and this is a religious symbol that women in the Hindu culture wear to represent divine sight and shows one is a Hindu.

Answer for part (b):

(b) The religious leader is a pandit or priest.

Answer Explanation

A pandit or priest is a leader within a religion who is tasked with conducting ceremonies. In Hindu weddings, a priest conducts the wedding ceremony.

Answer for part (c):

(c) India.

Answer Explanation

Many of the early immigrants to Guyana came from African descendants of slavery and Indian descendants of indentured labourers. Most Hindu weddings will have a religious leader of Indian descent. Typically, most Hindus in the world are of Indian descent.

Example Answer for part (d):

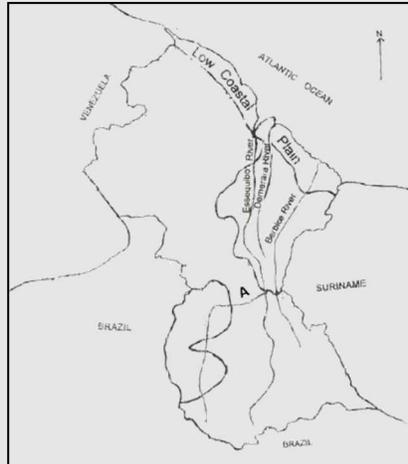
(d) The religious leader's ancestors may have experienced assaults from planters, harsh labour laws, poor wages, restriction of movement, sexual exploitation, deduction of wages, or long hours.

Answer Explanation:

Many of the early immigrants to Guyana came as indentured labourers once the abolition of slavery and termination of apprenticeship was instituted. These new labourers suffered from many exploitations from the planters who held the labourer's contracts. The work was long and difficult and, there was severe consequences for not doing the work.

QUESTION 5 ANSWER EXPLANATION

Study the map below, then answer **question 5**.



Map of Guyana

- (a) Name the River at **A**. (1 mark)
- (b) Shade the Forested Highland Region. (2 marks)
- (c) Describe **two** physical features in the Forested Highland Region that would prevent a large number of persons from living there. (2 marks)

Answer for part (a):

(a) The River at **A** is the Essequibo River.

Answer Explanation

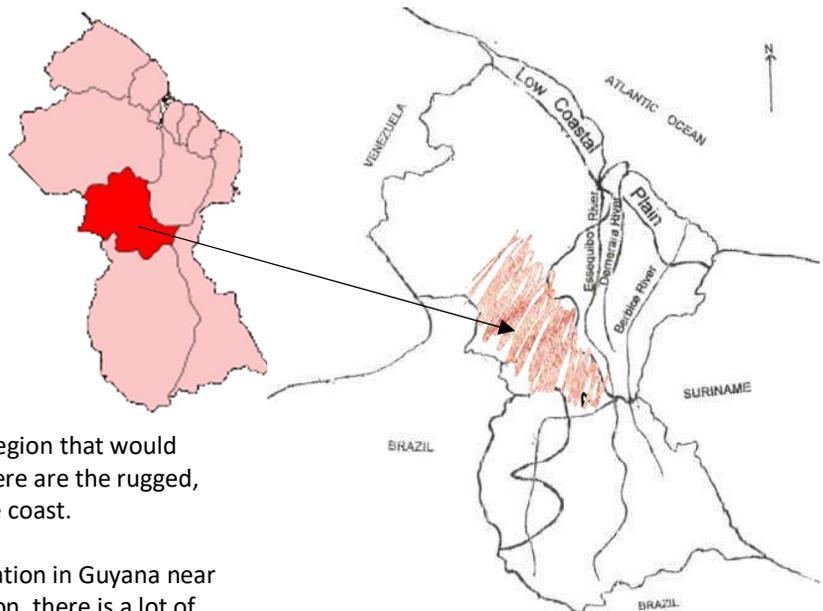
The river labelled is the Essequibo river. The label portion is a segment of the Essequibo River that continues to flow south of Guyana. The other rivers connect to the Essequibo River.

Answer for part (b):

(b) See maps to the right. The map on the left is a clearer picture of the map you needed to shade. The map on the right shows an approximate representation of the shading.

Answer Explanation

The Forested Highland Region is the area in Guyana that has a great amount of greenery and wildlife. This area has many parts of the Essequibo River which allows a constant flow of water to the wildlife there.



Answer for part (c):

(c) Two physical features in the Forested Highland Region that would prevent a large number of persons from living there are the rugged, mountainous terrain and the lack of access to the coast.

Answer Explanation

The Forested Highland Region is a region of high elevation in Guyana near the Brazilian border. Although there is a low population, there is a lot of mining that occurs. Due to the mining occurring in the region, the population is lower compared to other regions because the area is being unoccupied so that further mining can occur.

