

<u>3rd Grade Social Studies Practice Test</u>

Third Grade Social Studies Test

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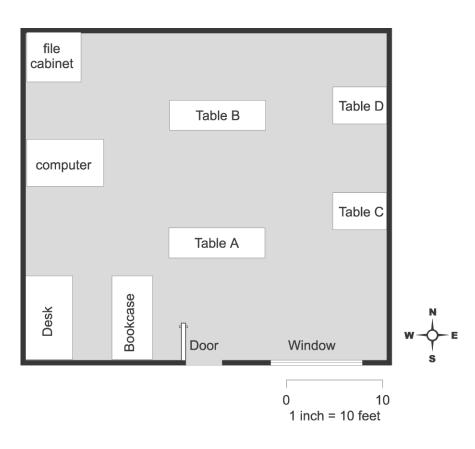
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- 1. Citizens have both rights and privileges. Which of the following is a right?
 - A. voting
 - B. going to school
 - C. going to church
 - D. going to the park
- 2. Three kinds of taxes we pay to the government are sales, property, and income taxes. Why do we pay these taxes?
 - A. to get a job
 - B. to get an allowance
 - C. to pay for the food we eat
 - D. to pay for schools and roads

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Use the drawing of a room below to answer questions 3 through 4.



3. What is located in the northwest corner of the room?

- A. a desk
- B. a door
- C. Table D
- D. a file cabinet

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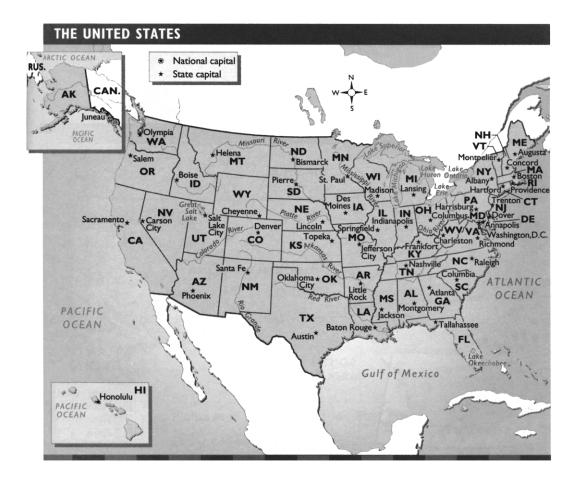
- 4. In which direction does the window face?
 - A. north
 - B. south
 - C. east
 - D. west

5. Why do Americans have a holiday called Independence Day on the fourth of July?

- A. to honor past presidents
- B. to honor the birth of the country
- C. to honor the new year
- D. to honor American soldiers

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Use the map below to answer questions 6 through 8.



- 6. What is the small map of Hawaii (HI) called?
 - A. a map key
 - B. a grid map
 - C. an inset map
 - D. a landform map

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- 7. Which of the following states is northeast of Nebraska (NE)?
 - A. Missouri (MO)
 - B. Minnesota (MN)
 - C. Mississippi (MS)
 - D. Montana (MT)

8. Look at the map of the United States. What type of map is it?

- A. regional map
- B. physical map
- C. resources map
- D. political map

9. The price of corn has gone down. Which statement tells why this MOST likely happened?

- A. More corn was produced.
- B. Bad weather ruined many corn crops.
- C. Advertising made more people want corn.
- D. Corn farmers wanted to make more money.

10. Which would be the BEST type of map for finding the capital of New Mexico?

- A. political map
- B. physical map
- C. neighborhood map
- D. natural resource map

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- 11. Sometimes people break rules or laws. What would MOST LIKELY happen if a student gets caught cheating on a test?
 - A. The student would go to jail.
 - B. The student would get a good grade.
 - C. The school would tell the student's parents.
 - D. The school would make the student pay a fine.

12. Which is an example of a privilege?

- A. voting
- B. attending school
- C. taking field trips
- D. stating your opinion
- 13. In the early 1800s, an important business in Savannah was ship repair. Tar and pitch from pine trees were used to fix wooden ships. What probably happened in Savannah when iron ships that did not leak were built?
 - A. Some workers who repaired ships lost their jobs.
 - B. New docks were built of iron.
 - C. Fewer people traveled on iron ships.
 - D. More pine trees were planted.
- 14. New Orleans is located at the delta of the Mississippi River. A delta is located at which part of a river?
 - A. its banks
 - B. its mouth
 - C. its source
 - D. its bed

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- 15. In 1732, King George II of England allowed a new colony to be formed. The colony was located on land between the Altamaha and Savannah Rivers. The colony was called
 - A. North Carolina.
 - B. South Carolina.
 - C. Georgia.
 - D. Florida.

16. Gasoline is made from oil. If oil is hard to get, what will MOST LIKELY happen?

- A. The price of gas will go down.
- B. Most gas stations will close.
- C. The price of gas will go up.
- D. Many people will drive more.
- 17. When Pilgrims arrived in America in 1620 they began to build homes. During their first year in America almost half of the Pilgrims died. Which is NOT a reason so many Pilgrims died?
 - A. The Pilgrims started running out of food.
 - B. The Pilgrims built many new houses to live in.
 - C. Many Pilgrims became sick and medicine was scarce.
 - D. The winter was long and very cold.

18. What is the name of the part of a river that flows into a larger body of water?

- A. bank
- B. mouth
- C. source
- D. stream

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- 19. In 1620, the Pilgrims came to America and started a colony at Plymouth. What right did they want to practice?
 - A. adventure
 - B. freedom of religion
 - C. freedom of speech
 - D. employment
- 20. How can you volunteer in your school?
 - A. read to another class
 - B. eat a healthy lunch
 - C. make good grades
 - D. come to school every day
- 21. Which of the following will help to save trees?
 - A. recycling newspapers
 - B. picking up litter along roads
 - C. recycling soda cans
 - D. picking up glass jars and bottles
- 22. Why must a school have rules?
 - A. so that all people wear seatbelts
 - B. to keep pets safe
 - C. so people do not speed on highways
 - D. to keep people safe

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23. What is one of the many important jobs that a mayor has?

- A. carrying out a budget
- B. appointing a governor
- C. defending lawbreakers
- D. ruling on court cases

24. Many people have cars and use them to go to work, go shopping, and do many other things. If oil is hard to get and gas prices go up, what would MOST LIKELY happen?

- A. Nothing would happen because there are thousands of gas stations.
- B. The price would go back down soon because gas station managers do not want to lose customers.
- C. Car owners would decide to carpool, ride the bus, walk, or buy a smaller car that needs less gas.
- D. Gas stations would sell more gas so people will not run out.