

Grade 6 Social Sciences: Mid-year Examination (History)

Name and surname: _____

Time allocation: 1 hour

Total: 55 marks

1. Read the questions carefully.
2. Answer ALL of the questions on the exam paper.
3. Double-check your answers before handing in your exam.

SECTION A

1. Match the word with the correct meaning by writing the letter of the meaning next to the right word. (6)

Word	Letter	Meaning
1. VOC		a. A stone cross with the Portuguese coat of arms on it.
2. crossbow		b. People who live in Holland speak this language.
3. isolated		c. Separate from others.
4. gunpowder		d. Dutch Trading Company
5. Dutch		e. A weapon.
6. A padrão		f. An explosive substance.

2. Describe how the golden rhinoceros, found at Mapungubwe, was made. (3)

3. Describe what globalisation is and how the trade across Africa and the Indian Ocean was the start of globalisation. (3)

4. What is The Order of Mapungubwe? (2)

5. How were the social hierarchies in Mapungubwe and Great Zimbabwe similar? (2)

6. In what country was Marco Polo born? (1)

7. Why were Marco Polo's relatives and friends unsure about his identity when he returned home? (2)

8. List three Chinese inventions that Marco Polo was so impressed by that he wrote about them in his book. (3)

9. Today, the area of Mapungubwe is a World Heritage Site. Explain what this means. (2)

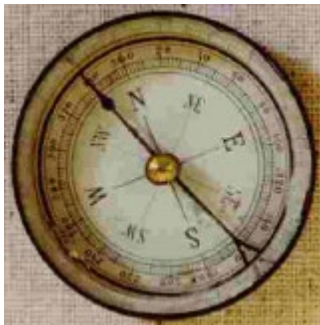
SECTION B

1. Define the term "Renaissance." (2)

2. Explain, in your own words, why the Renaissance was such a significant period. (3)

3. Identify each of the inventions below and explain why each one has such an important role during the Age of Exploration (during the Renaissance).

a.



(3)

b.



(3)

4. One of the reasons for explorations at this time was trade. Write a short paragraph in which you discuss:

(6)

- Reasons why traders wanted to search for new lands (why didn't they just continue trading at home?)
- Examples of goods traded.
- Places where goods were bought and sold.

5. Read the information below and answer the questions that follow.

Establishing a trade route to India was very important to the king of Portugal. He first sent an explorer named Bartholomew Dias to try to find a way to India by sea. Dias was the first European to round the Cape of Good Hope, but he did not reach India.

A few years later, another Portuguese explorer tried to establish the trading route. This explorer was Vasco da Gama. Da Gama did manage to reach India, with the help of a Kenyan sultan. Unfortunately, he could not establish trade with India as his goods were not of a high enough quality.

a. Why didn't Dias reach India? (2)

b. Some might say that although da Gama reached India, both he and Dias failed in their missions. Do you agree with this? Explain why. (3)

5. Imagine you are a sailor on a VOC ship. Write a letter to your family to tell them what you do every day. (9)

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