PaperSetter Sample School

Grade 4 Social Studies

GRADE 4 — 2026

KENYA UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

Candidate's Name		**Assessment Number**	
School Name		**School Code**	
Candidate's Signature		**Date**	

SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade 4

Time: 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name and assessment number in the spaces provided above.
2. Write the name and code of your school in the spaces provided above.
3. Sign and write the date of the assessment in the spaces provided above.
4. This paper may consist of multiple sections.
5. Answer questions as instructed on the paper.
6. Do all the necessary rough work on the question paper.
7. Do not remove any page from this question paper.
8. Answer all the questions in English.

STRANDS AND SUBSTRANDS TESTED

Strand	Substrands Tested
Natural and Historic Built Environments	Seasons in the County, Historic Built Environments in the County, Location and Size of the County
Resources and Economic Activities	Economic Activities in the County, Mining in Kenya, Development of Transport, Development of Communication, Fishing in Eastern Africa, Communication in Eastern Africa, Industries in the County
Citizenship and Governance in Kenya	Child Rights, Democracy in School, Community Leadership
Political Systems	Citizenship in Kenya, Traditional Leaders in Kenya
Governance	National Unity in Kenya, Democracy in Society, Peace and Conflict Resolution
Natural and the Built Environments	Position and Size of Countries in Eastern Africa, Historic Built Environments
People and Social Organisation	School Administration, Population Distribution in Eastern Africa

Section A: 20 marks | **Section B: 20 marks** | **TOTAL: 40 marks**

Candidate's Score: **Sec A:** ☐ **Sec B:** ☐ **Total:** ☐ **/ 40**

Fill candidate's score per section; Teacher to sum and write total

TEACHER ASSESSMENT OF LEARNER PERFORMANCE

Tick (✓) the appropriate box based on learner's overall performance:

Below Expectation (BE)	Approaching Expectation (AE)	Meeting Expectation (ME)	Exceeding Expectation (EE)
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SECTION A

1. Which instrument is used to measure the amount of rainfall received in a county?

A. A ruler

B. A wind vane

C. A rain gauge

D. A compass

2. Which behaviour shows good care of a historic built environment during a visit?

A. Throwing litter everywhere

B. Not writing or drawing on the walls

C. Climbing on old, weak walls

D. Breaking off pieces to take home

3. The buying and selling of goods and services is an economic activity known as:

A. Farming

B. Fishing

C. Mining

D. Trade

4. Juma is made to work all day carrying heavy loads instead of going to school. Which of Juma's rights is being denied?

A. The right to noise

B. The right to education

C. The right to waste time

D. The right to fight

5. Which of the following best shows democracy at work in a school?

A. Learners electing their student council

B. One pupil deciding everything alone

C. Choosing leaders by their height

D. Picking leaders through bribery

6. Who among the following is a leader in charge of a location in the community?

A. A chief

B. A cook

C. A shopkeeper

D. A pupil

7. Soda ash is mined at:

A. Lake Nakuru

B. Lake Magadi

C. Lake Victoria

D. Lake Turkana

8. Which means of transport is mainly used to move oil over long distances on land?

A. A pipeline

B. A canoe

C. A donkey

D. A dhow

9. Which of the following is a printed means of communication?

A. Radio

B. Television

C. Telephone

D. Newspaper

10. Which of the following is a way of becoming a Kenyan citizen?

A. By trading

B. By birth

C. By tourism

D. By visiting

11. Which language is used to unite Kenyans of different communities in everyday communication?

A. Arabic

B. German

C. French

D. Kiswahili

12. In a class election, five pupils vote for Amina and two vote for Otieno. Who wins the election?

A. Otieno

B. No one

C. Amina

D. The teacher

13. The imaginary line that divides Kenya into two almost equal halves, passing near the town of Meru, is the:

A. Equator

B. Tropic of Capricorn

C. Greenwich Meridian

D. Prime Meridian

14. Fort Jesus in Mombasa was built by early visitors to the East African coast. Who built Fort Jesus?

A. The British

B. The Arabs

C. The Germans

D. The Portuguese

15. A farmer digs a pond, fills it with water and rears fish for sale. This method of getting fish is called:

A. Deep-sea fishing

B. Fish farming (aquaculture)

C. Netting in the ocean

D. Trawling

16. Achieng wanted to send a letter and a parcel to her cousin in another town. Which service would she MOST likely use?

A. Newspaper

B. Postal (post office) services

C. Television

D. Radio broadcasting

17. Which one of the following is a common cause of conflict in Eastern Africa?

A. Competition over resources such as land and water

B. Respecting one another

C. Living peacefully together

D. Sharing resources fairly

18. Which of the following is a benefit of practising democracy in school?

A. Nobody is allowed to give opinions

B. Learners choose leaders they trust

C. Leaders are picked by force

D. A few pupils force their wishes on others

19. Which country shares a common boundary with Kenya to the west?

A. Ethiopia

B. Somalia

C. Tanzania

D. Uganda

20. Which one of the following is a form of telecommunication?

A. Drawing a picture

B. Beating drums

C. Reading a book

D. Telephone calls

SECTION B

21. Explain, in your own words, the difference between the location of a county and the size of a county. Give one example for each.

(4 marks)

22. A new factory has opened in Mwangi's county.

(a) Give two benefits the factory brings to the county.

(b) State one problem the factory might cause.

(5 marks)

23. School administration keeps a school running well.

(a) Name TWO members of the school administration.

(b) State TWO duties of a head teacher.

(4 marks)

24. Some traditional leaders resisted British colonial rule.

(a) Name one traditional leader who resisted the British.

(b) Give one reason why some communities resisted colonial rule.

(3 marks)

25. State four factors that influence population distribution in Eastern Africa.

(4 marks)