KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT PREDICTION SERIES

ENDTERM 2 ASSESSMENT 2025

GRADE 7

SOCIAL STUDIES

MARKING SCHEME

SECTION A (20 Marks)

Answer ALL the questions in this section on the separate ANSWER SHEET provided.

1. **C. Engaging in regular self-reflection and setting personal goals.**
    - **Explanation:** Personal awareness involves understanding one's own feelings, strengths, weaknesses, values, and goals. Self-reflection helps a learner to think about their experiences, learn from them, and identify areas for growth. Setting personal goals provides direction and motivation for improvement. Comparing to others (A) can lead to negative self-esteem, focusing only on strengths (B) ignores areas needing development, and relying solely on others (D) hinders independent decision-making and self-understanding.
2. **B. To make trade more efficient by overcoming the limitations of barter.**
    - **Explanation:** Barter (direct exchange of goods/services) has limitations like the "double coincidence of wants" (both parties must want what the other has) and difficulty in valuing diverse goods. Money serves as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, and a store of value, making trade much easier, faster, and more widespread.
3. **C. Fertile land and reliable water supply for agriculture.**
    - **Explanation:** Major rivers like the Nile (for Ancient Egypt) provided annual floods that deposited rich, fertile silt, ideal for agriculture. The river also supplied a consistent water source for irrigation, supporting large populations and the development of complex societies. Abundant minerals (A) and strong militaries (B) were important but secondary to the agricultural foundation, and isolated locations (D) would hinder trade and development.
4. *A: Basketry*
5. **C. Day and night.**
    - **Explanation:** The Earth rotates on its axis, which takes approximately 24 hours. As different parts of the Earth face the sun, they experience daylight, and as they turn away, they experience night. This rotation is the direct cause of the cycle of day and night. Changes in seasons (A) are caused by the Earth's revolution around the sun and its axial tilt. Eclipses (B) involve the alignment of the sun, Earth, and moon, and phases of the moon (D) are due to the moon's orbit around the Earth.
6. **C. Mutual respect, trust, and open communication.**
    - **Explanation:** Healthy interpersonal relationships are built on these fundamental pillars.
        - **Mutual respect:** Valuing each other's opinions, feelings, and boundaries.
        - **Trust:** Believing in each other's honesty and reliability.
        - **Open communication:** Freely expressing thoughts and feelings and actively listening to each other.
    - One person always making decisions (A) indicates an imbalance of power. Lack of communication (B) and constant disagreements (D) are hallmarks of unhealthy relationships.
7. **C. Subjecting them to forced labour and physical abuse.**
    - **Explanation:** The Indian Ocean Slave Trade, like other forms of slavery, involved extreme dehumanization. Slaves were treated as property, subjected to brutal working conditions in plantations, mines, or as domestic servants, and often endured severe physical and psychological abuse, violence, and deprivation of basic human rights. Opportunities for education (A), maintaining cultural practices (B), or full integration (D) were generally not characteristic of slave systems.
8. **C. It supports liquid water on its surface.**