

KENYA JUNIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

2026

SOCIAL STUDIES

907 1 hour 30 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer all questions.

You require a ruler for the map question. Print at 100% actual size.

Answer all multiple choice questions on the answer sheet provided. Use an HB pencil to shade the circle for the correct answer.

For each question, choose only one answer from A, B, C and D.

Answer the structured questions in the spaces provided. Show working where required.

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SECTION A (20 marks)

1. A learner enjoys explaining how communities lived in the past. Which career is most closely related to this interest?
 - A. Historian
 - B. Electrician
 - C. Pharmacist
 - D. Chef

2. A learner wants to study engineering and enjoys mathematics and scientific investigations. Which senior school pathway best matches these interests?
 - A. Performing Arts
 - B. Social Sciences
 - C. Languages only
 - D. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

3. Which evidence can best help researchers establish how early people made stone tools?
 - A. A modern timetable
 - B. Excavated tools and their manufacturing marks
 - C. A rainfall forecast
 - D. A road traffic report

4. A map shows only the distribution of rainfall in a region. What type of map is it?
 - A. Thematic map
 - B. Street plan
 - C. Topographical map
 - D. Cadastral map

5. A cultural group performs local dances at an international festival. The main contribution is
 - A. preventing travel.
 - B. increasing the number of borders.
 - C. replacing every other culture.
 - D. sharing cultural heritage.

6. Two clubs disagree about using a hall. Which action offers the best starting point for resolution?

- A. Listening to both groups and agreeing on a fair schedule
- B. Locking the hall without discussion
- C. Destroying the equipment
- D. Insulting the other group

7. Which condition helped farming develop along the Nile in ancient Egypt?

- A. Frequent volcanic eruptions
- B. Lack of water
- C. Permanent ice cover
- D. Fertile flood deposits

8. Which action is likely to strengthen a learner's self-esteem?

- A. Recognising progress and setting realistic goals
- B. Pretending never to make mistakes
- C. Comparing every result with insults
- D. Avoiding all responsibilities

9. A class plans to clean a public spring. What should be done before starting?

- A. Choose who will receive prizes.
- B. Wait for someone else to begin.
- C. Identify the community's need and seek local guidance.
- D. Buy decorations for the classroom.

10. Which source would be most useful when studying a community's past burial practices?

- A. A current weather forecast
- B. A bus ticket
- C. An electricity bill
- D. Excavated burial remains

11. A family moves from a small town to a large city for employment. This is

- A. urban-to-urban migration.
- B. urban-to-rural migration.
- C. international migration.
- D. rural-to-rural migration.

12. On a map, 3 cm represents 6 km. What distance is represented by 5 cm?
- A. 15 km
 - B. 8 km
 - C. 10 km
 - D. 30 km
13. Why does mountain vegetation change with altitude?
- A. Rainfall is always zero at high altitude.
 - B. Temperature and other growing conditions vary with height.
 - C. Higher ground has no soil anywhere.
 - D. All plants grow at the same temperature.
14. Which action most directly reduces the removal of tree cover?
- A. Clearing riverbanks for waste
 - B. Increasing charcoal burning
 - C. Planting trees and protecting existing woodland
 - D. Removing every hedge
15. A child is denied school attendance so that the child can work all day. Which right is most directly violated?
- A. Right to vote
 - B. Right to education
 - C. Right to travel abroad
 - D. Right to own a business
16. Which benefit can follow construction of a carefully managed irrigation scheme?
- A. Automatic removal of all pests
 - B. More reliable crop production
 - C. The end of all water demand
 - D. Permanent rain throughout the year
17. What was an important effect of the development of farming by early communities?
- A. All communities became nomadic.
 - B. People no longer needed water.
 - C. People stopped using tools.
 - D. More permanent settlements became possible.

18. Which source provides official information on births and deaths?

- A. A football fixture list
- B. Civil registration records
- C. A private diary
- D. A shop's price board

19. Which theory explains movement of large sections of the Earth's crust?

- A. Theory of spontaneous generation
- B. Plate tectonic theory
- C. Nebular theory
- D. Atomic theory

20. At a public meeting about a local budget, residents suggest priorities. This is an example of

- A. population registration.
- B. international migration.
- C. public participation.
- D. private ownership.

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SECTION B (80 marks)

21. A youth group is divided after members disagree over the use of funds. The group asks a mediator to help.

State five actions the mediator should take to help resolve the disagreement. (5 marks)

22. A new learner joins a class whose members speak several home languages.

Give three practical ways classmates can make the learner feel included. (3 marks)

23. A learner is choosing between two training programmes after receiving different advice from family members.

State three kinds of information the learner should gather before making a decision. (3 marks)

24. A school organises a journey to a public museum.

State three measures that can help protect learners from getting separated from the group. (3 marks)

25. Residents learn that a community-funded bridge is incomplete although all the allocated money has been spent.

(a) Identify two records residents can request to check how the money was used. (2 marks)

(b) State two qualities that an investigation team should demonstrate. (2 marks)

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(c) Explain three ways the residents can promote accountability in this project. (6 marks)

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26. Several young adults leave a farming settlement for a growing industrial town.

(a) State four economic reasons that could attract them to the town. (4 marks)

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(b) Explain two possible effects of their departure on the settlement. (4 marks)

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27. Traders from two neighbouring communities exchange goods regularly.

State five problems they may experience if they rely entirely on barter. (5 marks)

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28. A local cultural centre wants to use digital media to share its heritage with visitors abroad.

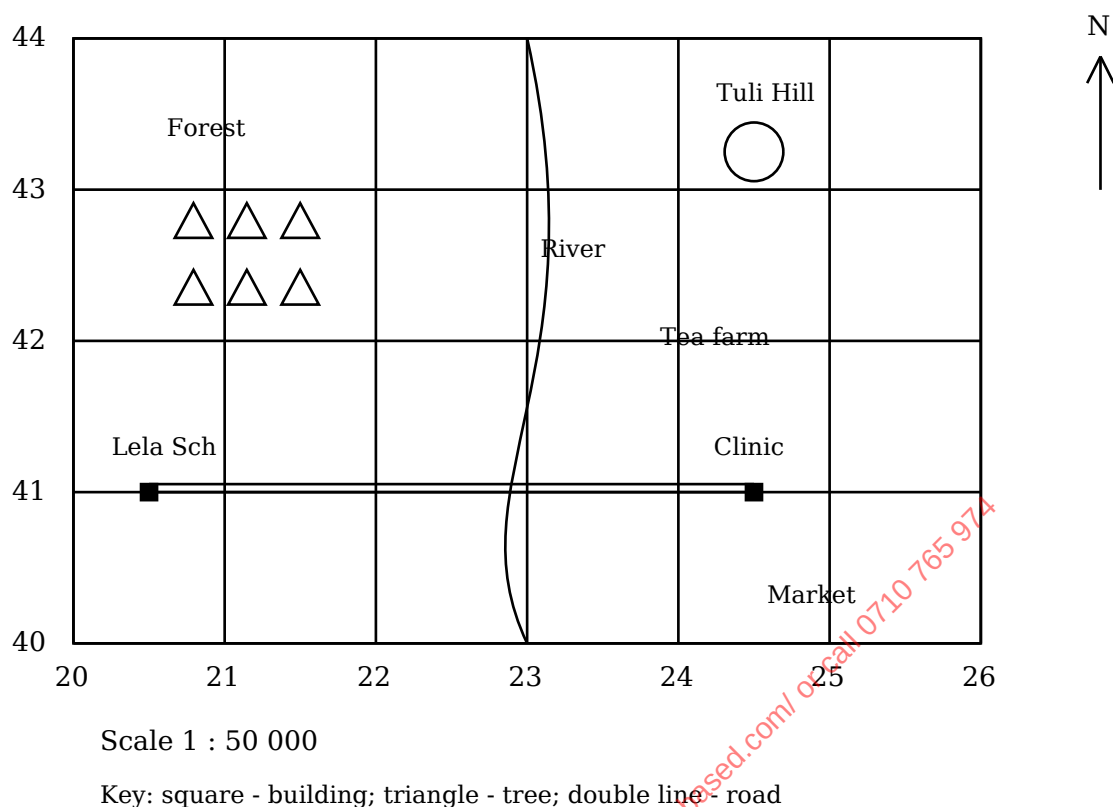
Suggest five activities the centre can undertake. (5 marks)

29. An elected school committee wants to ensure that all learners can use a new study room.

Give five decisions or practices that would demonstrate fairness and inclusion. (5 marks)

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30. Study the map of Lela area. Distances should be measured on a print made at 100% actual size.



(a) Give the four-figure grid reference of Tuli Hill. (2 marks)

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(b) Measure the straight road distance from Lela School to the clinic and calculate the distance in kilometres. (2 marks)

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(c) Identify three economic activities shown on the map. (3 marks)

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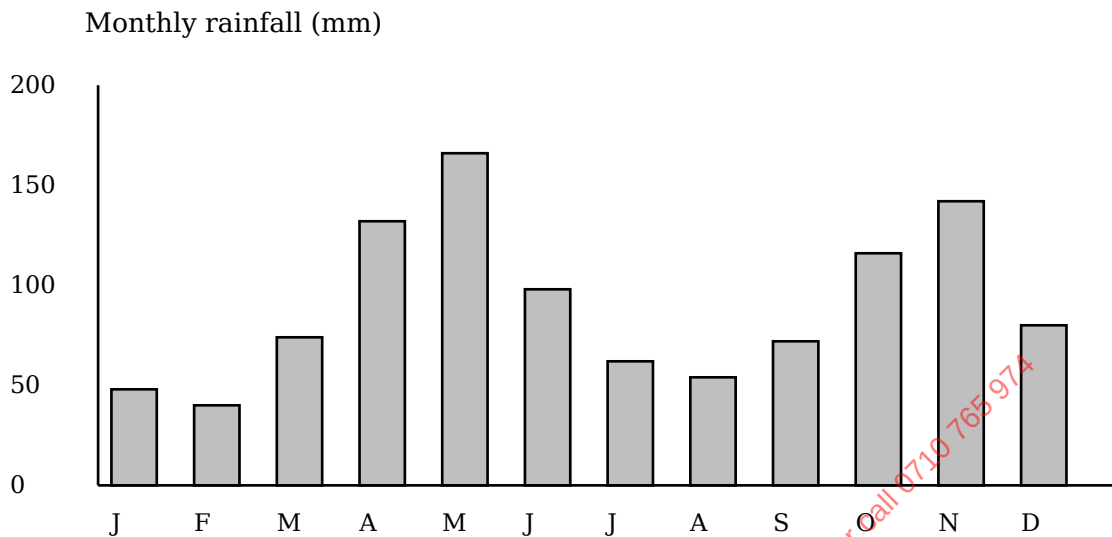
(d) Give the direction of Tuli Hill from the clinic. (1 mark)

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(e) Explain one benefit of the forest to the river catchment. (2 marks)

31. The chart shows monthly rainfall recorded at a settlement.



(a) Identify the wettest month. (1 mark)

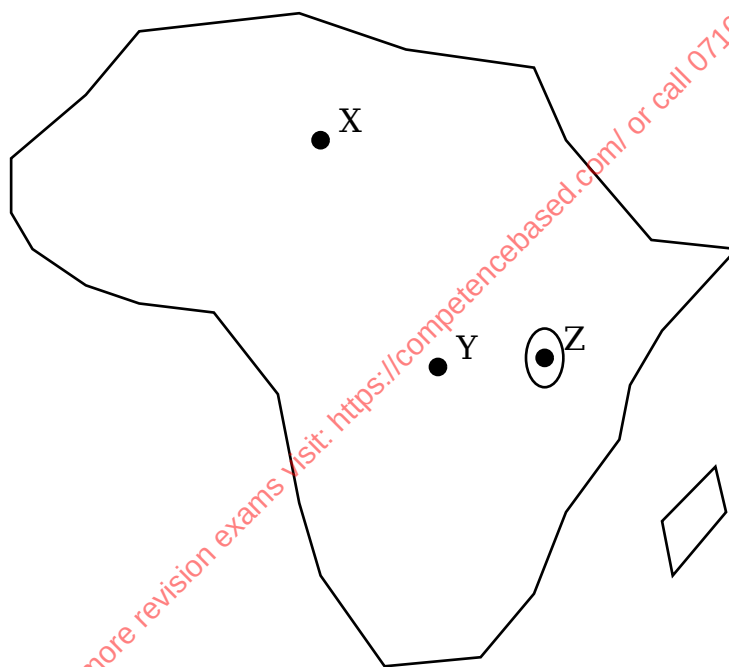
(b) Identify the driest month. (1 mark)

(c) Explain three ways residents can prepare for unusually low rainfall. (6 marks)

32. A stream downstream from a market contains waste, and its banks have been cleared.

Suggest five practical measures the community can take to restore and protect the stream. (5 marks)

33. Study the sketch map of Africa.



Sketch map of Africa. Not drawn to scale.

(a) Name the climate mainly experienced in the region marked X. (1 mark)

(b) Explain one reason for relatively sparse settlement in the densely forested region marked Y. (2 marks)

(c) State two economic activities supported by the lake marked Z. (2 marks)

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34. African communities responded to colonial occupation in different ways.

State five factors that could influence a community's decision to resist colonial occupation. (5 marks)

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MULTIPLE CHOICE ANSWER SHEET

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