

FREE PRACTICE PACK · EDITION 1

Class 4 Social Studies Olympiad practice

16 original questions + explained answers

For students preparing for SOF ISSO.

Inside this pack

Eight topic-practice questions and an eight-question, 15-minute mini-mock.

Topics selected for practice

- India and its neighbours
- Landforms
- Local government
- History and heritage
- Environment

How to use it

Try the practice first. Complete the mini-mock in one sitting. Check the explanations, mark mistakes, and retry them the next day.

This pack covers selected topics. It is original BodhiScore material, independent of SOF, and is not an official paper or a full-length exam. Check the official syllabus for the complete scope.

Topic practice

Work through these eight questions without a timer. Explain your choice before checking the solutions.

1. Landforms

Which landform is usually high, steep and has a peak?

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| A. Island | B. Plain |
| C. Mountain | D. Valley |
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2. India and its neighbours

Which country lies to the south of India across the Palk Strait?

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| A. China | B. Nepal |
| C. Bhutan | D. Sri Lanka |
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3. Local government

Which local body looks after a village?

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| A. Gram Panchayat | B. Parliament |
| C. Supreme Court | D. Railway Board |
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Topic practice (continued)

4. History and heritage

Why do museums preserve old objects?

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| A. To hide history | B. To learn about the past |
| C. To make them new | D. To sell every object |
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5. Environment

Which practice reduces soil erosion on a hillside?

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| A. Pouring oil on soil | B. Cutting all trees |
| C. Terrace farming | D. Leaving soil bare |
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6. Landforms

A wide, flat area of land is called a _____.

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| A. mountain | B. delta |
| C. plateau | D. plain |
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7. India and its neighbours

Which water body lies to the west of peninsular India?

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| A. Arabian Sea | B. Red Sea |
| C. Pacific Ocean | D. Bay of Bengal |
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Topic practice (continued)

8. Local government

Which public service is most likely managed by a municipal corporation in a city?

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| A. National defence | B. Printing currency |
| C. Running another country | D. Street-light maintenance |
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Timed mini-mock

Set a 15-minute timer for these eight questions. Score 1 point per correct answer; there is no penalty for an incorrect answer. This is BodhiScore's practice scoring.

9. History and heritage

An inscription is most useful to a historian because it is ____.

- A.** evidence from the past
 - B.** a future prediction
 - C.** a modern game
 - D.** a weather report
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10. Environment

Which waste should be put in a compost pit?

- A.** Broken glass
 - B.** Plastic wrapper
 - C.** Battery
 - D.** Vegetable peels
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11. Landforms

A river deposits soil where it slows near its mouth. Which fertile landform may form?

- A.** Volcano
 - B.** Delta
 - C.** Glacier
 - D.** Canyon
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

12. India and its neighbours

Which Himalayan neighbour is known for being a landlocked country?

- A.** Nepal
 - B.** Sri Lanka
 - C.** Maldives
 - D.** Indonesia
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13. Local government

Residents want a blocked drain repaired. Whom should they contact first?

- A.** A museum guide
 - B.** An airline
 - C.** Local municipal office
 - D.** A foreign embassy
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14. History and heritage

Which action best protects a historic monument?

- A.** Climbing restricted areas
 - B.** Writing on its walls
 - C.** Following visitor rules
 - D.** Removing loose stones
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

15. Environment

A colony plants native trees beside a pond. What is the most likely benefit?

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| A. No need to manage litter | B. More habitat for local life |
| C. Less need for rain | D. Instantly deeper water |
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16. Landforms

Two villages receive the same rain. Village A has tree cover on a slope; Village B has bare soil. Which is more likely after heavy rain?

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| A. A has greater erosion | B. B has greater erosion |
| C. Both have no runoff | D. Tree cover creates floods |
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Answers and explanations

Check why the answer works, then retry any question you missed.

1. C - Mountain

Mountains are high landforms, often with steep sides and peaks.

2. D - Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka lies south of India, separated largely by the Palk Strait.

3. A - Gram Panchayat

A Gram Panchayat is a local self-government body in a village.

4. B - To learn about the past

Objects in museums provide evidence about people and life in the past.

5. C - Terrace farming

Terraces slow water flowing downhill and help hold soil in place.

6. D - plain

Plains are broad areas of relatively flat land.

7. A - Arabian Sea

The Arabian Sea lies west of the Indian peninsula.

8. D - Street-light maintenance

Municipal bodies manage local city services such as streets, sanitation and lights.

Answers and explanations (continued)

9. A - evidence from the past

Inscriptions are primary historical evidence created in the period they describe.

10. D - Vegetable peels

Vegetable peels are biodegradable and can become compost.

11. B - Delta

Sediment deposited near a river mouth can build a delta.

12. A - Nepal

Nepal has no coastline, so it is landlocked.

13. C - Local municipal office

Drainage is a local civic service handled through the municipal body.

14. C - Following visitor rules

Visitor rules prevent damage and help conserve shared heritage.

15. B - More habitat for local life

Native plants can provide food and shelter for local birds and insects.

16. B - B has greater erosion

Roots help bind soil, so bare slopes generally erode more easily.

Topic scope checked against SOF syllabus: [SOF ISSO Class 4 syllabus](#)