

FREE PRACTICE PACK · EDITION 1

Class 5 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

- Maps and globes
- Indian history
- Natural resources
- Government
- Diversity

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. Maps and globes

What does a map scale help a reader estimate?

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Number of colours | B. Height of letters |
| C. Distance on the ground | D. Age of the map |
-

2. Indian history

Which source is a primary source for learning about an ancient ruler?

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| A. An inscription from that time | B. A modern cartoon |
| C. A new novel | D. A guess by a visitor |
-

3. Natural resources

Which is a non-renewable resource?

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A. Coal | B. Sunlight |
| C. Flowing water | D. Wind |
-

Topic practice (continued)

4. Government

What is the main purpose of a law?

- A.** To guide conduct and protect rights
 - B.** To decide favourite games
 - C.** To change seasons
 - D.** To replace families
-

5. Diversity

Why is it useful to respect languages spoken by classmates?

- A.** It stops communication
 - B.** It removes traditions
 - C.** It supports inclusion
 - D.** It makes one language illegal
-

6. Maps and globes

Lines running east-west on a globe are called ____.

- A.** longitudes
 - B.** borders
 - C.** contours
 - D.** latitudes
-

7. Indian history

Which ancient civilisation developed along the Indus and its tributaries?

- A.** Roman civilisation
 - B.** Maya civilisation
 - C.** Viking civilisation
 - D.** Harappan civilisation
-

Topic practice (continued)

8. Natural resources

Which method can recharge groundwater?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Dumping waste in a pond | B. Rainwater harvesting |
| C. Paving every open area | D. Wasting tap water |
-

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. Government

Which level of government makes laws for the whole country?

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. School club | B. Union government |
| C. Village committee only | D. One household |
-

10. Maps and globes

A map uses 1 cm = 5 km. Two towns are 3 cm apart on it. What is their actual distance?

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| A. 2 km | B. 30 km |
| C. 8 km | D. 15 km |
-

11. Diversity

A class plans food for a shared event. Which choice is most inclusive?

- | | |
|--|--|
| A. Mock a student's preference | B. Serve only one student |
| C. Offer suitable choices and ask about needs | D. Assume everyone eats the same food |
-

Timed mini-mock (continued)

12. Indian history

Archaeologists find grains, pottery and house remains at a site. What can these help them study?

- A.** Current phone prices
 - B.** Future elections
 - C.** Past daily life
 - D.** Tomorrow's rainfall
-

13. Natural resources

Which energy source produces electricity without burning fuel while operating?

- A.** Wood stove
 - B.** Solar panel
 - C.** Coal furnace
 - D.** Diesel generator
-

14. Government

Voting helps citizens because it lets them _____.

- A.** ignore all rules
 - B.** cancel all services
 - C.** avoid every duty
 - D.** choose representatives
-

15. Natural resources

A factory wants to reduce water use. Which change is most effective?

- A.** Reuse treated water where safe
 - B.** Leave pipes leaking
 - C.** Use clean water once only
 - D.** Wash floors continuously
-

Timed mini-mock (continued)

16. Maps and globes

On a map, the hospital is 2 squares east and 1 square north of the school. Which direction is it from the school?

A. South-west

B. North-east

C. North-west

D. South-east

Answers and explanations

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

1. C - Distance on the ground

A scale relates a measured map distance to an actual ground distance.

2. A - An inscription from that time

An inscription made in the period is direct evidence from that time.

3. A - Coal

Coal forms over very long periods and is not replenished on a human timescale.

4. A - To guide conduct and protect rights

Laws set rules for society and help protect people's rights and safety.

5. C - It supports inclusion

Respecting language diversity helps people participate and feel included.

6. D - latitudes

Latitudes are imaginary parallel lines that run east-west.

7. D - Harappan civilisation

The Harappan civilisation flourished in the Indus region.

8. B - Rainwater harvesting

Rainwater harvesting helps water seep into the ground and replenish aquifers.

9. B - Union government

The Union government works on matters that concern India as a whole.

Answers and explanations (continued)

10. D - 15 km

Three centimetres represent 3×5 , or 15 kilometres.

11. C - Offer suitable choices and ask about needs

Asking and offering suitable choices respects different cultural and dietary needs.

12. C - Past daily life

Material remains provide clues about how people lived in the past.

13. B - Solar panel

Solar panels convert sunlight to electricity without combustion during use.

14. D - choose representatives

Elections allow eligible citizens to select their representatives.

15. A - Reuse treated water where safe

Safely reusing treated water reduces demand for fresh water.

16. B - North-east

Moving east and north places the hospital north-east of the school.

Topic scope checked against SOF syllabus: [SOF ISSO Class 5 syllabus](#)