

SOCIAL STUDIES OGT REVIEW

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QUESTIONS

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- The Social Studies OGT will consist of:
 - four short answer questions worth 2 points each and will require you to give two facts or pieces of information
 - two extended Response questions worth 4 points each

Sample Extended Response question

The U.S. Constitution is a living document that has evolved over time through the process of amendment.

- Summarize the changes to the Constitution introduced by the Nineteenth and Twenty-sixth Amendments
- Explain how these changes affected individuals and groups in the United States

Extended Response -- Sample answers

Sample 1:

The 19th Amendment was one of the most important reforms of the Progressive Movement. It allowed the federal government to tax an individual's income. The Progressives wanted this amendment so they could levy a tax on very wealthy Americans. The 26th Amendment was also important because it abolished poll taxes. These were taxes used to discriminate against African Americans seeking to vote.

What grade would you give this answer? 1 2 3 4

Extended Response – Sample Answers cont.

Sample 2:

Many of the amendments to the U.S. Constitution have changed its text in order to expand individual rights. The 19th Amendment was ratified to give women the rights to vote. The 26th Amendment was ratified to give 18 year olds the right to vote.

What grade would you give this answer? 1 2 3 4

SHORT ANSWER (2 points)

- During times of war or perceived danger to the United States, groups of Americans have been singled out as potentially disloyal to the country.

For example, during World War I, patriotic support for the war led to a distrust and persecution of German-Americans. In some places, German language instruction was forbidden, and German culture and heritage were subject to discrimination.

SHORT ANSWER

- Identify a group of Americans that was targeted as potentially disloyal in the years between 1940 and 1985.
- Explain why this group was targeted.

(2 points)

SHORT ANSWER responses

- Japanese Americans or Italian Americans – U.S. opponents during WWII
- Russian Americans – U.S. was against Russia in the Cold War and Russian citizens could be seen as potential communists
 - North Korean Americans
 - Chinese Americans
 - Cuban Americans
- Iranian Americans or Middle Eastern Americans – U.S. was involved in on-going tensions with OPEC and Islamic Fundamentalist countries during this time

EXTENDED RESPONSE

(4 points)

- Explain four effects of industrialization on living and working conditions for the early industrial working class that moved to the new industrial towns of 19th-century Britain.

EXTENDED RESPONSE ANSWERS

- living conditions in tenements were poor and unsanitary
- urbanization
- wages were low
- workers hours were long and up to seven days a week
- dangerous working conditions
- no age limit for workers or child labor laws
- abundant and cheap products
- emergence of a new middle class
- physical harm to the body via work