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### **Specimen Paper and Key**

**Specimen Paper and Key:** - Paper 01

**C A R I B B E A N E X A M I N A T I O N S C O U N C I L**

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**SPECIMEN**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

**READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

This test has 50 items. Each item has four suggested answers lettered (A), (B), (C), (D). Read each item you are about to answer and decide which choice is best.

Sample Item

Which of the following is the BEST definition of ‘society’?

- (A) People who work together in the same community
- (B) Those persons who protest their living conditions
- (C) People who are held together by a common culture
- (D) Those persons who live in a foreign country

The best answer to this item is “People who are held together by a common culture”, so the option labelled (C) should be selected.

1. Lately, Tristan's aunt has been noticing that he wants to make decisions for himself, spend more time with his friends and is more aware of himself and how he looks. Tristan is MOST likely becoming
- (A) a child
  - (B) an adult
  - (C) an adolescent
  - (D) an elderly person
2. Which of the following CORRECTLY identifies the stages of human development?
- (A) Infancy, adulthood, adolescence
  - (B) Senescence, adulthood, childhood
  - (C) Childhood, adolescence, senescence
  - (D) Infancy, senescence, adulthood
3. Which of the following are desirable for healthy social interaction?
- I. Caring
  - II. Understanding
  - III. Exercising regularly
- (A) I and II only
  - (B) I and III only
  - (C) II and III only
  - (D) I, II, and III
4. Which of the following could be classified as a need for a teenager?
- (A) A vehicle
  - (B) A cellular phone
  - (C) A good education
  - (D) Brand name clothing

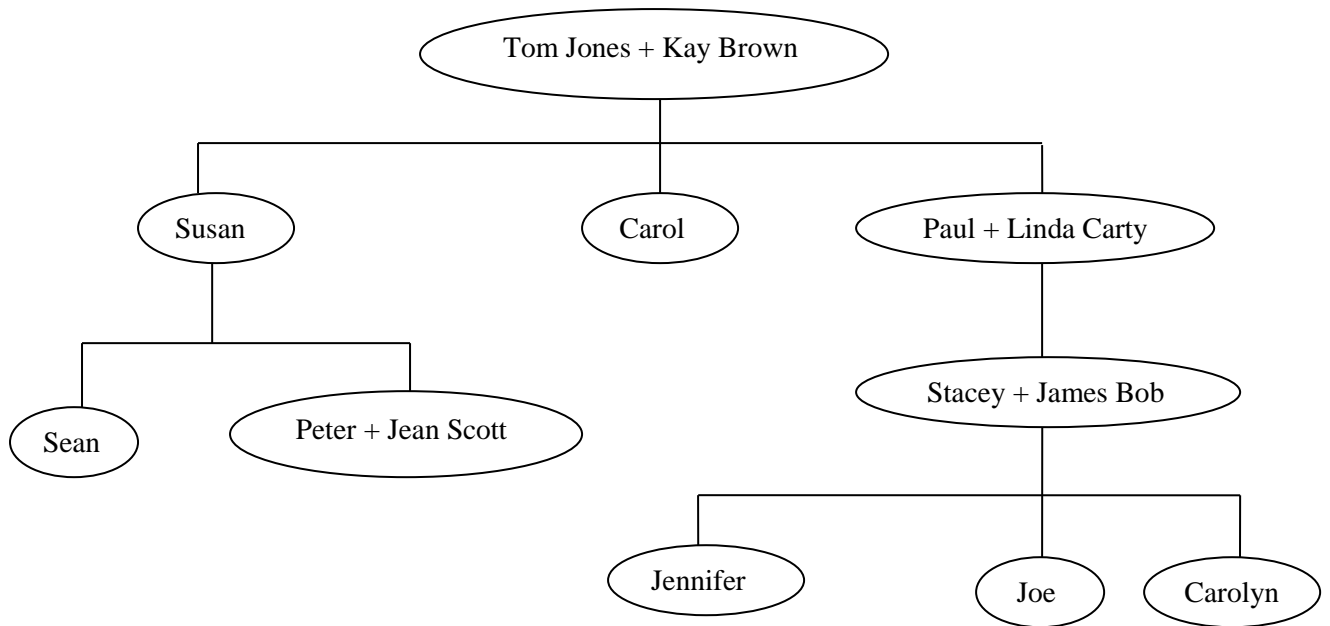
Items 5–6 refer to the following table that shows some of the main steps in the decision-making process. These steps are NOT in the correct order.

STEPS IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

1	<i>Selecting the best alternative</i>
2	<i>Defining the problem</i>
3	<i>Implementing a solution</i>
4	<i>Developing an alternative</i>
5	<i>Gathering information</i>
6	

5. Which of the following is the correct order of the steps to complete the decision-making process?
- (A) 1, 3, 2, 5, 4
  - (B) 2, 5, 4, 1, 3
  - (C) 1, 4, 5, 2, 3
  - (D) 5, 2, 4, 1, 3
6. Which of the following should be included to complete the decision-making process?
- (A) Allocating and assigning the task
  - (B) Participating and making answers
  - (C) Discussing and selecting the problem
  - (D) Reviewing and monitoring the problem

Items 7–9 refer to the following family tree. Study the information carefully and then answer the items.



+ means married

7. What is Stacey Bob's maiden name?
- (A) Scott
  - (B) Jones
  - (C) Carty
  - (D) Brown
8. How many of Stacey's aunts are identified in the diagram?
- (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 3
  - (D) 4
9. Stacey, James and their children were living with their parents for some time. They recently bought and moved into their own home. Which of the following types of family structure describes their new household?
- (A) Nuclear
  - (B) Blended
  - (C) Extended
  - (D) Single parent

10. Which of the following is LEAST likely to affect the economic function of the family?
- (A) More working hours for men
  - (B) Greater job opportunities for women
  - (C) Father and mother receiving higher wages
  - (D) Father and mother helping in domestic chores
11. “Sit properly at the dining table!” said Mrs Small to her son, John. What function of the family is being demonstrated by Mrs Small?
- (A) Affection
  - (B) Economic
  - (C) Procreation
  - (D) Socialization
12. James, who possesses a positive self-image, is MOST likely to
- (A) work hard and be motivated
  - (B) plan how to prevent the success of others
  - (C) fight with those who speak negatively about him
  - (D) discriminate against the less fortunate
13. Which of the following is a characteristic of a formal group?
- (A) Antagonism
  - (B) Mutual goals
  - (C) Self-Interest
  - (D) Power Struggle
14. Which of the following situations would MOST likely result in conflict between a parent and a child?
- (A) The child’s constant use of social media
  - (B) The child attends choir practice regularly
  - (C) The parent expresses concern when the child seems upset
  - (D) The parent attends parent-teacher meetings at school
15. Which of the following measures will help to resolve domestic disputes?
- (A) A state of emergency
  - (B) Increased fines
  - (C) Corporal punishment
  - (D) Conflict resolution
16. Which characteristics should a role model possess?
- I. Honesty
  - II. Fairness
  - III. Inflexibility
- (A) I and II
  - (B) I and III
  - (C) II and III
  - (D) I, II, and III
17. Which of the following activities is an example of showing respect for national symbols?
- (A) Standing at the playing of the national anthem
  - (B) Flying the national flag after sunset
  - (C) Using local instruments to play the national anthem
  - (D) Draping a coffin with the national flag

18. The arm of government which is responsible for making policies is the

- (A) Senate
- (B) Judiciary
- (C) Executive
- (D) Legislative

19. Jerome wants to be a model citizen. Which of the following should he practise?

- (A) Disregarding the flag
- (B) Encouraging violence
- (C) Disobeying traffic signs
- (D) Paying taxes

20. All students have a right to an education. As students, they have a responsibility to

- (A) attend only their favourite classes
- (B) be regular at classes
- (C) complete Mathematics assignments
- (D) obey some of the school rules

21. When purchasing prepackaged food items, consumers must pay attention to

- (A) expiry dates
- (B) after-sale services
- (C) repossession policies
- (D) warranty provisions

22. Which of the following are normally associated with a wise consumer?

- I. Preparing a budget
  - II. Utilizing discounts
  - III. Purchasing brand-name products
- (A) I and II
  - (B) I and III
  - (C) II and III
  - (D) I, II and III

23. The government of a Caribbean country is considering passing laws to prevent the building of houses in waterways. Which of the following social problems would this action by the government help to solve?

- (A) Poverty
- (B) Flooding
- (C) Deforestation
- (D) Housing shortage

Item 24 refers to the following scenario.

**Sonia:** I don't know what to do. I caught my son, who is only 14 years old, smoking marijuana.

**Larry:** Girl, I don't know what to tell you. I have two teenage children and both of them smoke the stuff as well.

24. Which of the following actions should both parents consider to assist their children?

- (A) Reduce their allowance
- (B) Send them to a recreational centre
- (C) Take them to a drug rehabilitation centre
- (D) Leave them in the care of a Correction Officer

25. Susan Sommers' weekly pay was decreased by 10% without any explanation given to her by her supervisor. Her supervisor violated her right to

- (A) a fair day's pay
- (B) join a union
- (C) safety on the job
- (D) satisfactory working conditions

26. Which of the following is LEAST likely to affect the outcome of a job interview?

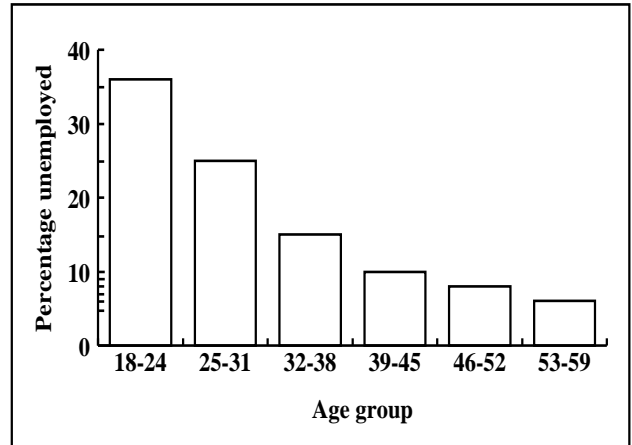
- (A) Mode of dress
- (B) Impolite behaviour
- (C) Lack of confidence
- (D) Arriving one hour early



27. Bill Thomas is an unsuccessful entrepreneur. What is the MOST likely reason for his lack of success?
- (A) Taking minimal risks
  - (B) Having a strong desire to achieve
  - (C) Displaying high levels of self confidence
  - (D) Making unwise financial decisions

28. Which of the following is NOT characteristic of a social problem?
- (A) Spending time with persons who share similar beliefs
  - (B) Having parents who do not attend PTA meetings regularly
  - (C) Having a social every Friday night with friends from your school
  - (D) Displaying undesirable behaviour that affect the community

Items 29–30 refer to the following graph on unemployment.



UNEMPLOYMENT IN COUNTRY X

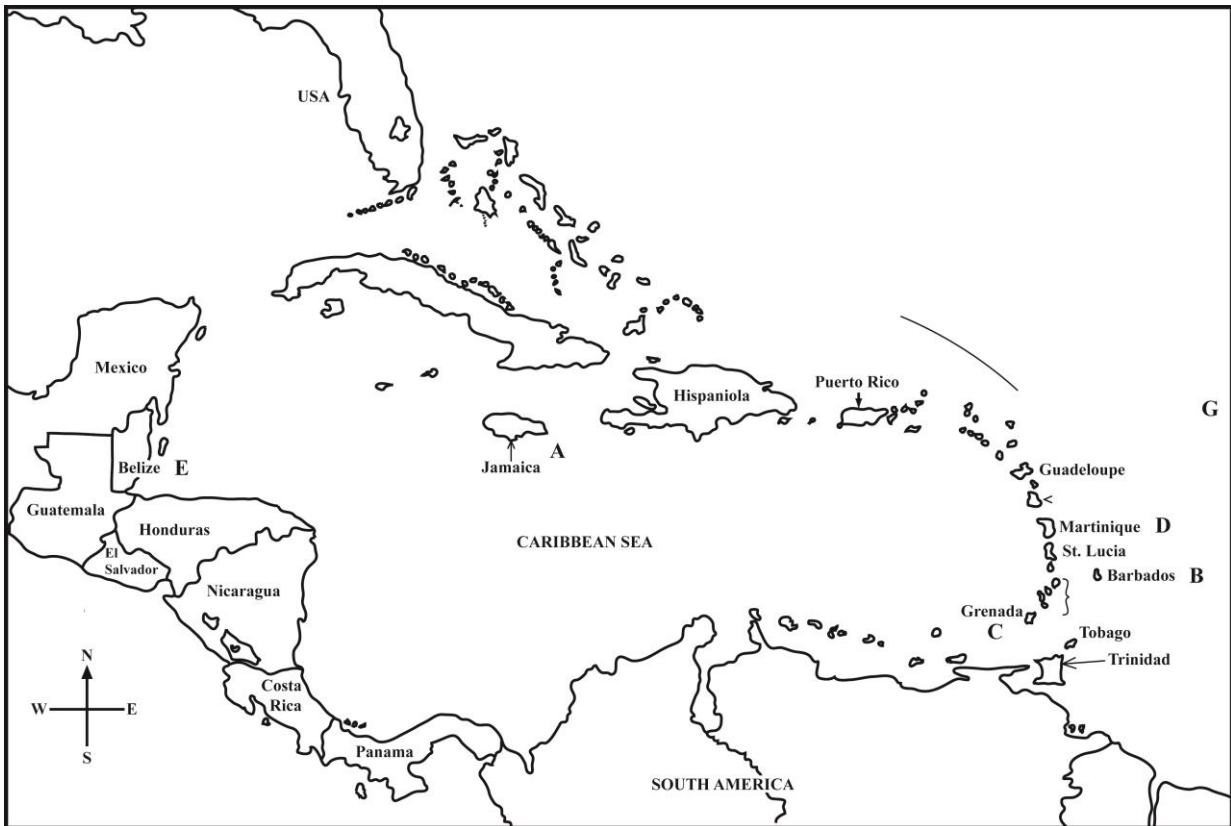
29. The graph above shows that unemployment in Country X is
- (A) increasing over a period of time
  - (B) lowest among the youngest age group
  - (C) a serious problem among persons aged 50 and over
  - (D) decreasing from the younger to older age groups
30. What is the MOST likely factor which would prevent persons aged 18–24 in Country X from becoming employed?
- (A) They may be too restless to settle down in a job.
  - (B) They may lack the experience required to get a job.
  - (C) They may have no money to invest in a business.
  - (D) They may be unable to cope with workplace technology.

Items 31–32 refer to the following table. It shows the responses of persons to an item on a questionnaire which asked for reasons why they work. Twenty persons were originally asked to respond. Read the information carefully then answer the items.

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Number of Persons responding</b>
I do not like being idle.	2
I want to become wealthy.	4
I need to provide the necessities for my family.	10
I want to contribute to the development of my country.	2

31. How many individuals did NOT respond to the questionnaire?
- (A) 0
  - (B) 1
  - (C) 2
  - (D) 3
32. What conclusion can be drawn from the responses provided in the table?
- (A) The majority of respondents worked because they did not want to remain idle.
  - (B) Most respondents were happy with their jobs.
  - (C) At least half of the respondents felt that they needed to provide the basic needs for their family.
  - (D) Most respondents wanted to contribute to the development of the country.

Items 33–35 refer to the following map of the Caribbean. Study the map carefully then answer the items.



33. Which country is immediately north of the one labelled 'D'?

- (A) St Lucia
- (B) Dominica
- (C) Barbados
- (D) Guyana

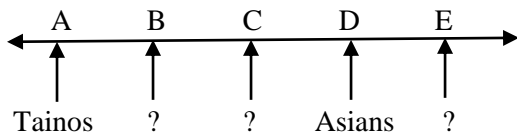
34. The letter 'G' represents the

- (A) Caribbean Sea
- (B) Indian Ocean
- (C) Pacific Ocean
- (D) Atlantic Ocean

35. The main resource of territory 'C' is

- (A) sugar
- (B) spices
- (C) bauxite
- (D) petroleum

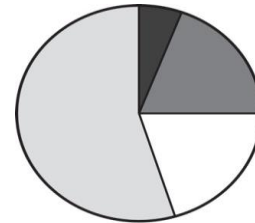
Item 36 refers to the following Time Line representing the arrival of different ethnic groups in the Caribbean.



36. The group of people represented by the letter 'C' is
- (A) Africans
  - (B) Amerindians
  - (C) Europeans
  - (D) Kalinagos
37. One of the main reasons for integration within the Caribbean region is to
- (A) bring back all nationals to the Caribbean
  - (B) reduce the import bills of Caribbean countries
  - (C) create one common Caribbean government
  - (D) stop imports from countries outside of the Caribbean
38. Which challenge of CARICOM is MOST likely to lead to a social problem?
- (A) Brain drain
  - (B) Size of population
  - (C) Increase in natural diseases
  - (D) Shortage of natural resources
39. Which of the following are benefits of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy to the countries in the Caribbean?
- I. Cheaper consumer goods in the region
  - II. Smaller market for producers
  - III. Freedom of movement for workers
- (A) I only
  - (B) I and III only
  - (C) II and III only
  - (D) I, II and III

Item 40 refers to the following pie chart which shows foreign exchange earnings for a Caribbean country.

**Foreign Exchange Earnings –  
Country Y**



**KEY**

Light Gray	Agriculture
Dark Gray	Bauxite
White	Tourism
Black	Petroleum

40. What is the largest earner of foreign exchange in Country Y?
- (A) Agriculture
  - (B) Bauxite
  - (C) Petroleum
  - (D) Tourism
41. Which commodity earns approximately 10% of the foreign exchange?
- (A) Agriculture
  - (B) Petroleum
  - (C) Bauxite
  - (D) Tourism
42. Which statement about the graph is true?
- (A) Few persons are involved in agriculture.
  - (B) Tourism accounts for over 50% of the foreign exchange.
  - (C) Bauxite and petroleum account for 25% of the foreign exchange earned.
  - (D) Petroleum is the largest earner of foreign exchange.

43. The term 'global village' is used to
- (A) indicate Third World countries
  - (B) name countries which are economically impoverished
  - (C) describe a particular region of the world known for its use of technology
  - (D) describe how connected the world has become as a result of electronic media and information technology
- Item 44 refers to the following scenario.
- Arnold:** Have you completed the Social Studies assignment?  
**Sophia:** Long time boy. I found a very similar assignment online and the person got an A, so I just copied it.
44. Which of the following is Sophia guilty of?
- (A) Piracy
  - (B) Hacking
  - (C) Plagiarism
  - (D) Identity theft
45. Which form of payment is usually used for online purchases?
- (A) Money order
  - (B) Credit card
  - (C) Treasury bill
  - (D) Manager's cheque
46. Tourist arrivals to the Caribbean may increase when there is
- (A) a natural disaster
  - (B) a decrease in the cost of travel
  - (C) an increase in crime and violence
  - (D) a visa restriction issued by the USA
47. Which of the following illustrates that the world is a global village?
- (A) The use of airplanes to get to a destination quickly
  - (B) Travel on luxury liners such as cruise ships
  - (C) The use of computers to shop on-line
  - (D) Jumbo jets to get one to a destination quickly
48. The need to protect individuals, their creativity and the product of their labour was considered important enough to cause governments to introduce specific laws. The laws that were enacted dealt with
- (A) trespass
  - (B) liability
  - (C) copyright
  - (D) devaluation
49. Caribbean citizens can reduce the effects of climate change by
- (A) using solar energy
  - (B) dumping illegally
  - (C) cutting down trees
  - (D) using petroleum products
50. Citizens in the Caribbean met and discussed ways of increasing visitor arrivals to the region. Which of the following would be a good proposal for them to implement?
- (A) Sell craft items on the sidewalks near to the hotel.
  - (B) Introduce travel packages at reduced rates.
  - (C) Leave garbage in the markets.
  - (D) Plant trees on the hillsides.

**END OF TEST**

**IF YOU FINISH BEFORE TIME IS CALLED, CHECK YOUR WORK ON THIS TEST**

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1	1.b.2	1	C	Comprehension
2	1.b.2	1	C	Knowledge
3	1.c.7	1	A	Comprehension
4	1.c.9	1	C	Comprehension
5	1.c.10	1	D	Knowledge
6	1.c.11	1	D	Comprehension
7	1.d.21	1	C	Comprehension
8	1.d.21	1	B	Analysis
9	1.d.15	1	A	Comprehension
10	1.d.16	1	D	Evaluation
11	1.d.16	1	D	Comprehension
12	1.c.4	1	A	Knowledge
13	2.a.2	2	B	Knowledge
14	2.a.11	2	A	Knowledge
15	2.a.12/13	2	D	Comprehension
16	2.a.14	2	A	Knowledge
17	2.c.24	2	A	Knowledge
18	2.d.28	2	C	Knowledge
19	2.d.29	2	D	Comprehension
20	3.c.15	3	B	Comprehension
21	3.d.17	3	A	Knowledge
22	3.d.17	3	A	Comprehension
23	2.b.17	2	B	Knowledge
24	2.b.21	2	C	Knowledge
25	3.b.13	3	A	Comprehension
26	3.b.10	3	D	Comprehension
27	3.b.11	3	D	Evaluation
28	2.b.17	2	C	Comprehension
29	2.b.18	2	D	Comprehension
30	3.b.4	3	B	Analysis
31	3.b.4	3	C	Comprehension
32	3.b.4	3	C	Analysis
33	4.a.1	4	B	Knowledge
34	4.a.3	4	D	Knowledge
35	4.a.7	4	B	Knowledge
36	4.a.9	4	A	Knowledge
37	4.d.15	4	C	Comprehension
38	4.c.13	4	B	Comprehension
39	4.d.15	4	B	Analysis

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40	4.a.7/4.c.13	4	A	Analysis
41	4.a.7/4.c.13	4	B	Analysis
42	4.a.7/4.c.13	4	C	Analysis
43	5.a.1	5	D	Comprehension
44	5.a.2	5	A	Comprehension
45	5.b.3	5	B	Comprehension
46	5.c.4	5	B	Analysis
47	5.a.1	5	C	Comprehension
48	5.a.2	5	C	Knowledge
49	5.d.6	5	A	Analysis
50	5.c.4	5	B	Analysis