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GRADE 6

SOCIAL SCIENCES: HISTORY

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MARKS: 40

MARKING GUIDELINES

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

- Read each question's marking guideline carefully when marking.
- These marking guidelines consist of:

  -SECTION A: Democracy and citizenship [15 marks]

  A total of four questions (Questions 1 – 4)

  Mark either Question 3 or Question 4. Do not mark both questions.

  -SECTION B: Medicine through time [25 marks]

  A total of three questions (Questions 5 – 7)
- Mark each question item neatly and legibly.

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SECTION A: Democracy and citizenship [15 marks]

QUESTION 1

1. The pictures of the South African coat of arms and the national flag (without colours).

1.1 Choosing the correct answer:

1.1.1 B ✓ (1)

1.2

1.2.1 True. ✓ (1)

1.2.2 True. ✓ (1)

1.3

1.3.1 Citizenship ✓ (1)

1.3.2 Democracy. ✓ (1)

[5]

QUESTION 2

2. Answers based on the two tables showing the 1994 and 2024 national election results:

2.1 Zero/0//none/nothing ✓ (1)

2.2 ANC/African National Congress ✓ (1)

2.3 Anyone: Action SA/FF+/PA✓ (1)

2.4 Democracy allows many parties ✓ / show multi-party system✓

Results change over time✓ / people can vote for any party✓

People vote for different parties✓ / Different parties were formed✓

There are old and new parties✓ / The more votes a party gets, the more seats it receives.✓

[Accept any valid response] (1)

2.5 The statement means: (1)

Everyone must be treated the same by the law✓

No one is above/below the law, regardless of who they are✓

All people have the same legal rights and responsibilities✓

The law applies fairly and equally to all individuals✓

Everyone is judged by the same laws, no matter what their race/gender/background. ✓

The legal system does not favour or discriminate against anyone✓

Every person must be protected/held accountable by the law in the same way way✓

All citizens are subject to the same legal rules and treatment. ✓

Nobody gets special treatment in court because of their position or status✓

Everyone is equal in the eyes of the law, whether rich or poor✓

[Any valid meaning of the statement]

2.6 Prevent chaos✓/ensure fairness in voting✓ (1)

Laws guide how people should behave✓/ maintain order. ✓

Ensure that people can live together peacefully. ✓

Laws ensure that all citizens have equal protection. ✓/ Protect rights✓

[Accept any reasonable response]

2.7 Right to education✓ / protection✓ / shelter✓ / food✓ / health✓ (1)

[Accept any valid response]

[7]

Please mark either QUESTION 3 or QUESTION 4, do not mark both.

QUESTION 3 – Do not mark if you will mark QUESTION 4

3. Case Study: Judge Pius Langa:

3.1 Chief Justice✓ (1)

3.2 True✓ (1)

3.3 **Yes,** he fought for justice/equality/fair courts/free courts✓ (1)

Yes, helped change the laws from apartheid to democracy✓

Yes, fought for human rights✓

Yes, sentenced criminals according to the law✓

Yes, because he fought for justice and human rights during and after apartheid.✓

No, because many challenges still exist in achieving full equality.✓

No, other areas, such as poverty and education, still face problems.✓

No, because real change needs more than just legal reform, it needs action in communities too.

[Allocate a mark for a clear, valid reason]

SECTION A: TOTAL 15 MARKS

QUESTION 4 – Do not mark if you marked QUESTION 3.

4. Case Study: Fatima Meer:

4.1 Helped poor communities✓ (1)

4.2 True✓ (1)

4.3 Yes, helped communities✓ / fought apartheid ✓/ improved education✓ (1)

No, because her contributions did not reach all communities directly.✓

[Accept yes or no with a relevant reason]

[3]

SECTION A: TOTAL 15 MARKS

SECTION B: MEDICINE THROUGH TIME [25 MARKS]

QUESTION 5

5. Answers based on the pictures provided

5.1. Germs✓ – Like viruses or bacteria that cause colds, flu, and other infections. (2)

Dirty or rotten food✓ – Can cause stomach aches or food poisoning.

Falling on a bicycle✓

Drinking dirty water✓ – Can cause diseases like cholera or diarrhea.

Not washing hands ✓– Germs from dirty hands can enter the body and make you sick.

Too much sugar or junk food✓– Can lead to health problems like diabetes or obesity.

Not getting enough sleep ✓ – Makes the body weak and easier to get sick.

Being around sick people ✓– Germs can spread from one person to another.

Breathing dirty air or smoke ✓– Can cause lung problems or asthma.

Not exercising ✓– Can make the body weak and unhealthy over time.

Getting too cold or too hot ✓– Can cause illnesses like hypothermia or heatstroke.

[Accept only two valid responses]

5.2. Healers believe sickness also affects the spirit/ancestors are involved.✓ (1)

Indigenous healing uses ancestral knowledge and traditions.✓

It balances the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.✓

[Accept any valid response]

5.3. Stomach problems✓/wounds✓/skin diseases✓/cuts✓/burns✓/cough✓ inflammation✓/sore throats

[Accept any one] (1)

5.4. Paragraph writing:

5.4.1. Main points:

- ✓ Studies sickness and treatment
- ✓ Uses medicine to heal
- ✓ Uses machines/technology
- ✓ Prevents sickness (e.g. vaccines)
- ✓ Helps people live longer/stay healthy

Exemplar paragraph:

Western science has helped people recover from illnesses by identifying the causes of diseases and developing effective treatments. Doctors use machines and medicine to help the body heal. Scientists study sicknesses and make vaccines to stop people from getting very sick. Hospitals use Western science to keep patients safe and healthy. This helps people live longer and feel better. ✓

Marking rubric:

LEVEL	DESCRIPTORS	MARKS
1	- No clear understanding of how Western science helps cure illness. - Missing topic sentence or structure. - May copy unrelated information or be off-topic.	**0 - 1**
2	- Paragraph shows some understanding of the topic. - Includes 2–3 relevant ideas, e.g. use of medicine, machines, or vaccines. - Limited structure: may lack a clear topic sentence or conclusion. - Some support for ideas, but not clearly explained.	**2 - 3**
3	- Fully answers the question with at least 4–5 relevant details. - Clear topic sentence, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. - Explains how Western science helps (e.g. medicine, vaccines, technology,hospitals). - May include examples or effects (e.g. people live longer or stay healthy).	**4 - 5**
TOTAL		**5**

(5)

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QUESTION 6

6. Case study world's first heart transplant:

6.1 Dr Christiaan Barnard✓ (1)

6.2 His heart was very sick / failing✓ (1)

6.3 Pneumonia✓ (1)

6.4 They learned: (2)

How to replace a sick heart with a healthy one✓

How the body reacts to a new heart✓

And how to care for patients after the surgery✓

The body can reject the new heart✓

Medicines are needed to help the body accept it✓

[Any reasonable two]

6.5 Edward Jenner: Infectious diseases:

6.5.1 Vaccination protects people from disease✓ (1)

6.5.2 Yes: Helped save many lives✓✓ (2)

No: Risky, unsafe to test on child✓✓

[Accept either yes or no with a valid reason]

[8]

QUESTION 7

7 Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch:

7.1 Germ theory✓ (1)

7.2 Matching the columns: (2)

Answer column	
7.2.1	**B** ✓
7.2.2	**A** ✓

7.3 TB can spread from one person to another through the air✓

It can be spread through coughing, sneezes, laughs etc when droplets are inhaled by another person✓

[Accept any valid explanation] (1)

7.4 He discovered pasteurization, which keeps food like milk safe by killing germs.✓

He developed vaccines, which still protect people from dangerous diseases.✓

[Accept any reasonable explanation] (2)

7.5 Both Pasteur and Koch:

Proved germs cause disease✓

Discovered germs✓

Helped prevent disease✓

[Accept any valid response] (2)

[8]

TOTAL SECTION B: 25 MARKS

GRAND TOTAL: 40 MARKS