

Assessment Schedule – 2022

Social Studies: Demonstrate understanding of conflict(s) arising from different cultural beliefs and ideas (91279)

Assessment Criteria

| Achievement | Achievement with Merit | Achievement with Excellence |
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| <p><i>Demonstrate understanding</i> involves using social studies concepts and giving specific evidence to describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature and cause(s) of the conflict(s) the points of view, values and perspectives of the individuals / groups involved in the conflict. | <p><i>Demonstrate in-depth understanding</i> involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explaining how social forces contribute to the conflict(s). | <p><i>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding</i> involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluating the relative effect(s) of social forces on the conflict(s). |

Evidence

| A3 | A4 | M5 | M6 | E7 | E8 |
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| <p>Gives a limited or partial description of the nature and causes of the conflict using the points of view, values, and perspectives of the individuals / groups involved.</p> <p>Uses specific evidence / examples.</p> | <p>Describes, in detail, the nature and causes of the conflict using the points of view, values, and perspectives of the individuals / groups involved.</p> <p>Uses specific evidence / examples.</p> | <p>Gives a limited or partial explanation of how BOTH of the social forces in Resources C and D have contributed to the conflict.</p> <p>Uses specific evidence / examples.</p> | <p>Explains, in detail, how BOTH of the social forces in Resources C and D have contributed to the conflict.</p> <p>Uses specific evidence / examples.</p> | <p>Gives a limited or partial evaluation of the relative effect(s) of EACH of these social forces on the conflict, and the social force <i>most</i> likely to resolve it.</p> <p>Uses specific evidence / examples.</p> | <p>Evaluates comprehensively the relative effect(s) of EACH of these social forces on the conflict, and the social force <i>most</i> likely to resolve it.</p> <p>Uses specific evidence / examples.</p> |
| <p>See Appendix for sample evidence.</p> <p>N2 = Attempts to describe cultural conflict(s). N1 = Attempts a relevant response for an aspect(s) of the task (may be a sentence or two). N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.</p> | | | | | |

Cut Scores

| Not Achieved | Achievement | Achievement with Merit | Achievement with Excellence |
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| 0 – 2 | 3 – 4 | 5 – 6 | 7 – 8 |

Appendix – Sample Evidence

Note: Plain text denotes Achievement evidence; underlined text is for *Merit*; and *italics* is for *Excellence*.

| Task | Expected Coverage (not limited to these examples) |
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| (a) | <p>Describes the nature and cause of the conflict surrounding space tourism industry, e.g.:</p> <p>Recently, there have been considerable advances in the space tourism industry, largely funded by private billionaires such as Richard Branson, Jeff Bezos, and Elon Musk. This has provoked a lot of criticism from people, as many believe that there are problems here on Earth that these billionaires should be focused on. However, others argue that investment in the space tourism industry will help solve problems in the future and will have economic benefits.</p> |
| (b) | <p>Describes the individuals / groups involved and their points of view, values, and perspectives, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Bezos, Amazon founder and billionaire, is sending people into space because he believes that space tourism will have a positive impact on the environment in the long term. He thinks that the technological developments being made through space exploration will help protect Earth eventually. He states: “We need to take all heavy industry, all polluting industry, and move it into space. And keep Earth as this beautiful gem of a planet that it is ...”. Bezos holds an environmental perspective on space tourism, as he values protecting the environment through the use of technology. • UCL’s Dr Eloise Marais is concerned about the developments in space tourism, and holds an environmental perspective. She believes that the carbon emissions and other pollutants that come from rocket launches will have a detrimental impact on the environment. She states, “The biggest concern is the potential impact on the stratospheric ozone layer – there are certain pollutants that, when injected directly into that layer, can lead to ozone destruction”. She thinks space tourism needs to be regulated and studied further before it develops. She values protecting the environment and ensuring the sustainability of the planet by reducing carbon emissions and combatting climate change. |
| (c) | <p>Explains how BOTH of the social forces in Resources C and D have contributed to the conflict, using specific evidence / examples, e.g.:</p> <p>(1) Economics of business interests <u>Economics of business interests is a social force that is worsening the conflict surrounding space tourism, as the substantial profits resulting from it could mean billionaires may not listen to other concerns. It could also make some people support the space industry in the hope of boosting employment. This social force is likely to result in ongoing conflict.</u></p> <p>(2) Environmentalism and public opinion <u>Many people have spoken out against the space launches in 2021 – Prince William is one high-profile person who has done so. This adds to the conflict, as it puts pressure on the space companies to defend their actions and consider the impact they are having on the environment. Many people are trying to reduce carbon emissions around the world, and billionaires sending rockets into space undermines these efforts.</u></p> |

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| <p>(d)</p> | <p>Evaluates the relative effect(s) of EACH of these social forces on the conflict, and the social force <i>most likely to resolve it</i>, using specific evidence, e.g.:</p> <p><i>Economics of business interests has had some effect on the conflict, as it has created one of the key reasons for people to pursue space tourism in the first place. It provides an incentive for the continuation of space launches to build the industry into a regular tourist activity, leading to more profit and more employment, just like the regular tourism industry does.</i></p> <p><i>However, environmentalism has greatly increased the level of debate and disagreement surrounding this issue. Currently, there is a worldwide movement to combat climate change – space tourism activity flies in the face of these efforts and has angered some people. Interestingly though, some people think that advancements in space travel will lead to ways of fixing climate change issues. Therefore, the social force most likely to resolve the conflict is environmentalism, as there is room for common ground to be found. The questions arising around the negative environmental impacts have already led to Jeff Bezos developing a “greener” rocket than Richard Branson – this progress could continue to be developed, and the idea of moving environmentally damaging industries off the planet could help ease the concerns that many environmentalists have, ultimately lessening the conflict and getting more people behind the idea of space tourism.</i></p> |
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