

AHSAA Homeschool Student Eligibility Exams Geography and Civics – Grade 7		
Standard Reference	Standard Text	Percentage of Test Items
Geography Standards 1-3		24%
1	Describe the world in spatial terms using maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies.	
1.1	Explaining the use of map essentials, including type, projections, scale, legend, distance, direction, grid, and symbols Examples: type—reference, thematic, planimetric, topographic, globe and map projections, aerial photographs, satellite images distance—fractional graphic, and verbal scales direction—lines of latitude and longitude, cardinal and intermediate directions	
1.2	Identifying geospatial technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective Examples: Google Earth, Global Positioning System (GPS), geographic information system (GIS), satellite-remote sensing, aerial photography	
1.3	Utilizing maps to explain relationships and environments among people and places, including trade patterns, governmental alliances, and immigration patterns	
1.4	Applying mental maps to answer geographic questions, including how experiences and cultures influence perceptions and decisions	
1.5	Categorizing the geographic organization of people, places, and environments using spatial models Examples: urban land-use patterns, distribution and linkages of cities, migration patterns, population-density patterns, spread of culture traits, spread of contagious diseases through a population	
2	Determine how regions are used to describe the organization of Earth’s surface.	
2.1	Identifying physical and human features used as criteria for mapping formal, functional, and perceptual regions Examples: physical—landforms, climates, bodies of water, resources human—language, religion, culture, economy, government	
2.2	Interpreting processes and reasons for regional change, including land use, urban growth, population, natural disasters, and trade	
2.3	Analyzing interactions among regions to show transnational relationships, including the flow of commodities and Internet connectivity Examples: winter produce to Alabama from Chile and California, poultry from Alabama to other countries	
2.4	Comparing how culture and experience influence individual perceptions of places and regions Examples: cultural influences—language, religion, ethnicity, iconography, symbology, stereotypes	

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2.5	Explaining globalization and its impact on people in all regions of the world Examples: quality and sustainability of life, international cooperation	
3	Compare geographic patterns in the environment that result from processes within the atmosphere, biosphere, lithosphere, and hydrosphere of Earth's physical systems.	
3.1	Comparing Earth-Sun relationships regarding seasons, fall hurricanes, monsoon rainfalls, and tornadoes	
3.2	Explaining processes that shape the physical environment, including long-range effects of extreme weather phenomena Examples: processes—plate tectonics, glaciers, ocean and atmospheric circulation, El Niño long-range effects—erosion on agriculture, typhoons on coastal ecosystems	
3.3	Describing characteristics and physical processes that influence the spatial distribution of ecosystems and biomes on Earth's surface	
3.4	Comparing how ecosystems vary from place to place and over time Examples: place to place—differences in soil, climate, and topography over time—alteration or destruction of natural habitats due to effects of floods and forest fires, reduction of species diversity due to loss of natural habitats, reduction of wetlands due to replacement by farms, reduction of forest and farmland due to replacement by housing developments, reduction of previously cleared land due to reforestation efforts	
3.5	Comparing geographic issues in different regions that result from human and natural processes Examples: human—increase or decrease in population, land-use change in tropical forests natural—hurricanes, tsunamis, tornadoes, floods	
Geography Standards 4-12		26%
4	Evaluate spatial patterns and the demographic structure of population on Earth's surface in terms of density, dispersion, growth and mortality rates, natural increase, and doubling time. Examples: spatial patterns—major population clusters demographic structure—age and sex distribution using population pyramids	
4.1	Predicting reasons and consequences of migration, including push and pull factors Examples: push—politics, war, famine pull—potential jobs, family	
5	Explain how cultural features, traits, and diffusion help define regions, including religious structures, agricultural patterns, ethnic enclaves, ethnic restaurants, and the spread of Islam.	

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6	<p>Illustrate how primary, secondary, and tertiary economic activities have specific functions and spatial patterns.</p> <p>Example: primary—forestry, agriculture, mining secondary—manufacturing furniture, grinding coffee beans, assembling automobiles tertiary—selling furniture, selling café latte, selling automobiles</p>	
6.1	<p>Comparing one location to another for production of goods and services</p> <p>Examples: fast food restaurants in highly accessible locations, medical offices near hospitals, legal offices near courthouses, industries near major transportation routes</p>	
6.2	<p>Analyzing the impact of economic interdependence and globalization on places and their populations</p> <p>Examples: seed corn produced in Iowa and planted in South America, silicon chips manufactured in California and installed in a computer made in China that is purchased in Australia</p>	
6.3	<p>Explaining why countries enter into global trade agreements, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA), the European Union (EU), the Mercado Común del Sur (MERCOSUR), and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</p>	
7	<p>Classify spatial patterns of settlement in different regions of the world, including types and sizes of settlement patterns.</p> <p>Examples: types—linear, clustered, grid sizes—large urban, small urban, and rural areas</p>	
7.1	<p>Explaining human activities that resulted in the development of settlements at particular locations due to trade, political importance, or natural resources</p> <p>Examples: Timbuktu near caravan routes; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Birmingham, Alabama, as manufacturing centers near coal and iron ore deposits; Singapore near a major ocean transportation corridor</p>	
7.2	<p>Describing settlement patterns in association with the location of resources</p> <p>Examples: fall line settlements near waterfalls used as a source of energy for mills, European industrial settlements near coal seams, spatial arrangement of towns and cities in North American Corn Belt settlements</p>	
7.3	<p>Describing ways in which urban areas interact and influence surrounding regions</p> <p>Examples: daily commuters from nearby regions; communication centers that service nearby and distant locations through television, radio, newspapers, and the Internet; regional specialization in services or production</p>	

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8	Determine political, military, cultural, and economic forces that contribute to cooperation and conflict among people.	
8.1	Identifying political boundaries based on physical and human systems Examples: physical—rivers as boundaries between counties human—streets as boundaries between local government units	
8.2	Identifying effects of cooperation among countries in controlling territories Examples: Great Lakes environmental management by United States and Canada, United Nations (UN) Heritage sites and host countries, Antarctic Treaty on scientific research	
8.3	Describing the eruption of territorial conflicts over borders, resources, land use, and ethnic and nationalistic identity Examples: India and Pakistan conflict over Jammu and Kashmir, the West Bank, the Sudan, Somalia piracy, ocean fishing and mineral rights, local land-use disputes	
9	Explain how human actions modify the physical environment within and between places, including how human-induced changes affect the environment. Examples: within—construction of dams and downstream water availability for human consumption, agriculture, and aquatic ecosystems between—urban heat islands and global climate change, desertification and land degradation, pollution and ozone depletion	
10	Explain how human systems develop in response to physical environmental conditions. Examples: farming practices in different regions, including slash-and-burn agriculture, terrace farming, and center-pivot irrigation	
10.1	Identifying types, locations, and characteristics of natural hazards, including earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and mudslides	
10.2	Differentiating ways people prepare for and respond to natural hazards, including building storm shelters, conducting fire and tornado drills, and establishing building codes for construction	
11	Explain the cultural concept of natural resources and changes in spatial distribution, quantity, and quality through time and by location.	
11.1	Evaluating various cultural viewpoints regarding the use or value of natural resources Examples: salt and gold as valued commodities, petroleum product use and the invention of the internal combustion engine	
11.2	Identifying issues regarding depletion of nonrenewable resources and the sustainability of renewable resources Examples: ocean shelf and Arctic exploration for petroleum, hybrid engines in cars, wind-powered generators, solar collection panels	

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12	<p>Explain ways geographic features and environmental issues have influenced historical events.</p> <p>Examples: geographic features—fall line, Cumberland Gap, Westward Expansion in the United States, weather conditions at Valley Forge and the outcome of the American Revolution, role of ocean currents and winds during exploration by Christopher Columbus</p> <p>environmental issues—boundary disputes, ownership of ocean resources, revitalization of downtown areas</p>	
Civics Standards 1-7		25%
1	Compare influences of ancient Greece, the Roman Republic, the Judeo-Christian tradition, the Magna Carta, federalism, the Mayflower Compact, the English Bill of Rights, the House of Burgesses, and the Petition of Rights on the government of the United States.	
2	Explain essential characteristics of the political system of the United States, including the organization and function of political parties and the process of selecting political leaders.	
2.1	Describing the influence of John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Thomas Paine, Niccolò Machiavelli, Charles de Montesquieu, and François-Marie Arouet (Voltaire) on the political system of the United States	
3	Compare the government of the United States with other governmental systems, including monarchy, limited monarchy, oligarchy, dictatorship, theocracy, and pure democracy.	
4	Describe structures of state and local governments in the United States, including major Alabama offices and officeholders.	
4.1	Describing how local and state governments are funded	
5	Compare duties and functions of members of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Alabama’s local and state governments and of the national government.	
5.1	Locating political and geographic districts of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of Alabama’s local and state governments and of the national government	
5.2	Describing the organization and jurisdiction of courts at the local, state, and national levels within the judicial system of the United States	
5.3	Explaining concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances among the three branches of state and national governments	

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6	Explain the importance of juvenile, adult, civil, and criminal laws within the judicial system of the United States.	
6.1	Explaining rights of citizens as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights under the Constitution of the United States	
6.2	Explaining what is meant by the term rule of law	
6.3	Justifying consequences of committing a civil or criminal offense	
6.4	Contrasting juvenile and adult laws at local, state, and federal levels	
7	Determine how people organize economic systems to address basic economic questions regarding which goods and services will be produced, how they will be distributed, and who will consume them.	
7.1	Using economic concepts to explain historical and current developments and issues in global, national, state, or local contexts Examples: increase in oil prices resulting from supply and demand	
7.2	Analyzing agriculture, tourism, and urban growth in Alabama for their impact on economic development	
Civics Standards 8-13		25%
8	Appraise the relationship between the consumer and the marketplace in the economy of the United States regarding scarcity, opportunity cost, trade-off decision making, and the stock market.	
8.1	Describing effects of government policies on the free market	
8.2	Identifying laws protecting rights of consumers and avenues of recourse when those rights are violated	
8.3	Comparing economic systems, including market, command, and traditional	
9	Apply principles of money management to the preparation of a personal budget that addresses housing, transportation, food, clothing, medical expenses, insurance, checking and savings accounts, loans, investments, credit, and comparison shopping.	
10	Describe individual and civic responsibilities of citizens of the United States. Examples: individual—respect for rights of others, self-discipline, negotiation, compromise, fiscal responsibility civic—respect for law, patriotism, participation in political process, fiscal responsibility	
10.1	Differentiating rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities between citizens and noncitizens	
10.2	Explaining how United States' citizenship is acquired by immigrants	
10.3	Explaining character traits that are beneficial to individuals and society Examples: honesty, courage, compassion, civility, loyalty	

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11	Compare changes in social and economic conditions in the United States during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Examples: social—family values, peer pressure, education opportunities, women in the workplace economic—career opportunities, disposable income, consumption of goods and services	
11.1	Determining benefits of Alabama’s role in world trade	
11.2	Tracing the political and social impact of the modern Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to the present, including Alabama’s role	
12	Describe how the United States can be improved by individual and group participation in civic and community activities.	
12.1	Identifying options for civic and community action Examples: investigating the feasibility of a specific solution to a traffic problem, developing a plan for construction of a subdivision, using maps to make and justify decisions about best locations for public facilities	
12.2	Determining ways to participate in the political process Examples: voting, running for office, serving on a jury, writing letters, being involved in political parties and political campaigns	
13	Identify contemporary American issues since 2001, including the establishment of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the enactment of the Patriot Act of 2001, and the impact of media analysis.	