

IMAST Social Studies Sample Items (Grades 5, 7)

(Beginning in Spring 2010)

The purpose of this Item Sampler is to provide examples of the types of questions that will appear on the social studies portions of IMAST beginning in the spring of 2010. Each grade-level social studies IMAST assessment will consist of multiple-choice items *only*.

This Item Sampler displays assessment items in both an ISTEP+ format and an IMAST format. In creating IMAST, modifications were made to assessment items with the intent of maintaining grade-level standard alignment while providing more accessibility for students.

Possible item modifications in social studies are listed below:

- Reduce length of text
- Simplify text
- Bullet text
- Add **bold** font for essential words
- Clarify question or directive
- Use active voice
- Eliminate negative stem
- Add visual
- Simplify visual(s)
- Eliminate visual(s)
- Eliminate implausible distractor(s)
- Eliminate distractor(s)
- Change order of choices
- Increase white space
- Increase font size
- Reduce the number of variables and simplify digits

ISTEP+ Grade 5 Multiple Choice Item (Standard 3)

Which of these regions of the United States has a climate best described as warm and rainy?

- A. Southwest
- B. Southeast
- C. Midwest
- D. Northeast

IMAST Version Grade 5 Multiple Choice Item (Standard 3)

Which region of the United States has a climate described as warm and rainy?

- A. Southwest
- B. Southeast
- C. Midwest
- D. Northeast

Modifications:

- Reduce length of text
- Clarify question or directive

ISTEP+ Grade 7 Multiple Choice Item (Standard 3)

Which of the following MOST LIKELY has an ecosystem featuring conifers, lichens, and deer?

- A. Sahara Desert
- B. Indus River Delta
- C. Great Barrier Reef
- D. Himalayan Mountains

IMAST Version Grade 7 Multiple Choice Item (Standard 3)

Which has an ecosystem featuring conifers, lichens, and deer?

- A. Sahara Desert
- B. Indus River Delta
- C. Himalayan Mountains

Modifications:

- Reduce length of text
- Eliminate implausible distractor(s)

Item Sampler Answer Key

ISTEP+ Grade 5 Multiple Choice Item

B. Southeast

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D. Himalayan Mountains

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C. Himalayan Mountains