

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

FIJI YEAR 8 EXAMINATION 2025

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time Allowed: 1½ hours

(An extra 10 minutes is allowed for reading this paper.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your **Index Number** in the space provided in the **Answer Booklet**.
2. **All** answers are to be **written in the Answer Booklet** with either blue or black ink. Do not use red ink.
3. **Do not spend** too much time on any one question. **Do not start** writing until you are told to do so.
4. Write neatly and clearly.
5. If you use extra sheets of paper, be sure to clearly show the question number(s) being answered and tie each sheet in your **Answer Booklet** at the appropriate places. Ensure that your **Index Number** is written on the extra sheets.
6. There are **two** sections in this paper. Both Sections A and B are **compulsory**.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS

SECTION	QUESTION TYPE	MARK	SUGGESTED TIME
A	Part 1 – Multiple Choice	20	18 minutes
	Part 2 – Matching	10	8 minutes
	Part 3 – True or False	10	8 minutes
B	Part 1 – Fill in the Blanks	10	8 minutes
	Part 2 -Testing Skills	36	32 minutes
	Part 3 – Short Answers	14	16 minutes
TOTAL		100	90 minutes

SECTION A**[40 marks]**

The following shows how to answer **multiple-choice** questions in the **Answer Booklet**.

- (a) In your **Answer Booklet**, circle the letter which represents the **best** answer. **If you change your mind**, put a line through your first choice and circle the letter of your next choice.

For example:

12	A	~~B~~	C	D
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- (b) **If you change your mind** again and like your first answer better, put a line through your second circle and tick (✓) your first answer.

For example:

12	A	✓ ~~B~~	~~C~~	D
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- (c) **No mark** will be given if you circle more than one letter for a question.

PART 1 MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS**[20 marks]**

Circle the letter of the **best** choice.

- The International Monetary Fund was established in

A. 1944.	B. 1945.
C. 1946.	D. 1947.
- The primary function of the World Health Organisation (WHO) is to

A. regulate international trade agreements.	B. oversee environmental protection initiatives.
C. provide military support to member countries.	D. promote global health and address health-related issues.
- A country which is not a UN member state is

A. India.	B. Kosovo.
C. Russia.	D. Canada.

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4. Fijians established their identity as a Pacific Islander community
- A. through modern technology.
 - B. by adopting foreign customs.
 - C. by isolating themselves from other groups.
 - D. through shared language and cultural practices.
5. A characteristic associated with identity of Pacific Islanders is
- A. individualism.
 - B. industrial order.
 - C. nomadic lifestyle.
 - D. community-centric values.
6. An African president renowned for his role in combating apartheid is
- A. Adolf Hitler.
 - B. King Charles.
 - C. Nelson Mandela.
 - D. Benazir Bhutto.
7. A lady who dedicated her life to help the poor and established the Missionaries of Charity is
- A. Mother Teresa.
 - B. Jiko Luveni.
 - C. Caroline Pickering.
 - D. Queen Elizabeth.
8. The first person to walk on the moon, making a significant achievement in space exploration and technology is
- A. Edwin Aldrin.
 - B. Neil Armstrong.
 - C. Waisale Serevi.
 - D. Herbert Armstrong.
9. Globalisation has impacted Fiji and the Pacific region by
- A. preventing foreign investment.
 - B. providing access to international markets.
 - C. reducing the influence of regional cultures.
 - D. completely isolating Fiji from the global economy.
10. World War I began in
- A. 1910.
 - B. 1911.
 - C. 1913.
 - D. 1914.

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11. A significant contributing factor to climate variations among different regions of the world is the
- A. colour of the soil.
 - B. human activities.
 - C. height of mountains.
 - D. presence of wildlife.
12. In which climatic region would you most likely find harsh winters and heavy snowfall?
- A. Polar
 - B. Tropical
 - C. Dry Land
 - D. Temperate
13. An economic effect of climate change on regions heavily dependent on agriculture is
- A. higher employment rates.
 - B. stabilisation of food supply.
 - C. decreased transportation cost.
 - D. increased food prices due to crop failures.
14. Deforestation and fuel consumption is a major contributing factor to
- A. social growth.
 - B. global warming.
 - C. economic warming.
 - D. economic growth.
15. Ozone depletion primarily results from the release of
- A. methane.
 - B. carbon dioxide.
 - C. nitrous oxides.
 - D. chlorofluorocarbons.
16. One of the benefits of effective time management is
- A. more wasted time.
 - B. increased stress level.
 - C. greater productivity.
 - D. decreased leisure activities.
17. A good way to avoid impulse spending is to
- A. carry extra cash.
 - B. shop when you're emotional.
 - C. go to the mall without a plan.
 - D. make a shopping list and stick to it.

18. A method used to monitor financial health in personal budgeting is
- A. ignoring bank statements.
 - B. guessing the amount spent each month.
 - C. throwing away receipts after purchasing.
 - D. reviewing monthly expenditures based on income.
19. Which of the following is a common feature of globalisation?
- A. Increased protectionism
 - B. Decreased cultural exchange
 - C. Reduction of international trade
 - D. The rise of multinational corporations
20. A global event held every four years to promote international sporting excellence and cooperation is
- A. Asian Games.
 - B. Pacific Games.
 - C. Olympic Games.
 - D. Commonwealth Games.

SECTION A (continued)**PART 2****MATCHING****[10 marks]**

Write the letter of the correct item from **COLUMN II** beside each number from **COLUMN I** in the **Answer Booklet**.

COLUMN I		COLUMN II	
1.	First woman Prime Minister of Pakistan	A.	International Monetary Fund
2.	Financial planning that outlines expected income and expenses	B.	European Union
3.	Sustainable practices passed down through generations	C.	Ethnic group
4.	Global economic stability and financial cooperation	D.	Benazir Bhutto
5.	Cultural exchange and integration	E.	Commonwealth Games
6.	Mild temperatures, typically found in coastal areas	F.	Budgeting
7.	Facilitate free trade and political cooperation among members	G.	Traditional Knowledge
8.	New technology and rules that help lower pollution and carbon in the air	H.	Globalisation
9.	Fostered national pride, unity, and the promotion of sports	I.	Contemporary Measures
10.	Share common cultural characteristics	J.	Tropical Climate
		K.	Time management
		L.	Queen Victoria

SECTION A**PART 3 TRUE OR FALSE****[10 marks]**

Read the following statements carefully. Write **(T)** for True or **(F)** for False against the number of each statement in the space provided in the **Answer Booklet**.

1. Non-governmental organisations mainly focus on generating profit.
2. Skin colour is one characteristic that can be used to categorise different groups of people.
3. Roy Krishna is a famous soccer player from Fiji.
4. Rugby players have become well-known globally due to their achievements.
5. Pacific Games are held every two years.
6. Geographical location has no effect on the climate.
7. Sea level rise is a consequence of global warming.
8. Spending money wisely can lead to better financial future.
9. Globalisation refers to the decreasing interconnectedness of countries.
10. Global warming includes technological advancement.

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SECTION B**[60 marks]****PART 1****FILL IN THE BLANKS****[10 marks]**

Fill in the blanks using the words in the boxes given below. Write the words in the spaces provided in the **Answer Booklet**. Each of the words listed should be used **only** once.

structural	food	money	inventions	asthma	time
hazards	affect	tourism	conflict	effect	influence

1. World organisations respond to _____ by providing aid to affected communities.
2. The migration route of a group of people can _____ their cultural identity and lifestyle.
3. The significance of _____ in medicine includes vaccines that have improved public health.
4. A significant cause of wars throughout history has often been _____ for territory, resources, or power.
5. Major earthquakes can lead to substantial _____ damage.
6. Climate change has a profound _____ on people's lives.
7. The scarcity of water can lead to _____ shortages.
8. Pollution harms the environment and contributes to health problems such as _____ and respiratory diseases.
9. Setting priorities and creating schedules, are important components of _____ management.
10. In the Pacific region, globalisation has influenced local economies through _____.

SECTION B**PART 2 TESTING SKILLS****[36 marks]**

Answer all the questions.

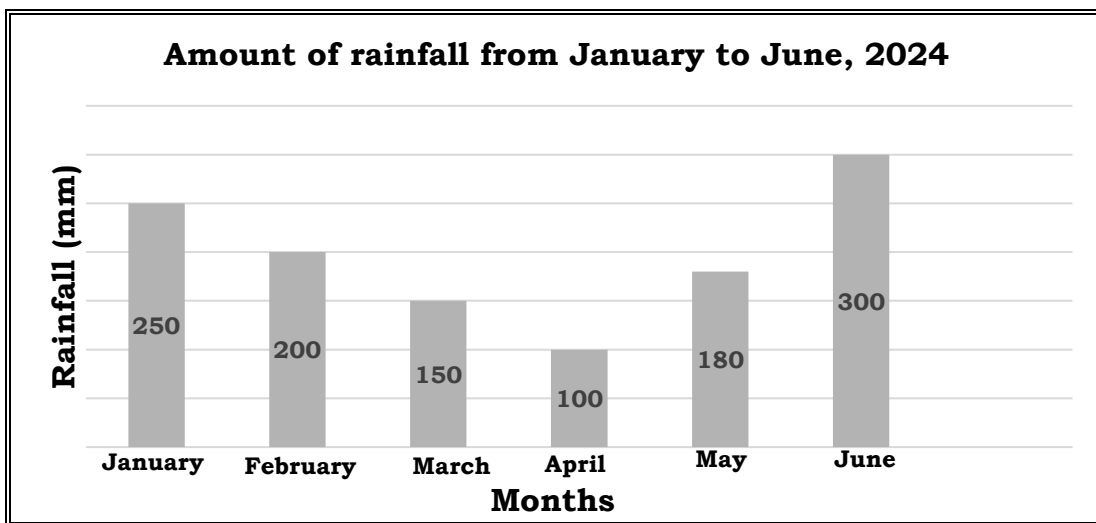
(a) Research**[5 marks]**

During the course of your Social Science studies, you investigated a topic in your class.

1. Name the topic you investigated. **(1 mark)**
2. List **two** lessons learnt after conducting the research. **(2 marks)**
3. List **two** problems faced during the research. **(2 marks)**

(b) Graph Study**[7 marks]**

Use the graph given below to answer **Questions 1 – 5** in your **Answer Booklet**.



1. Identify the month with the highest amount of rainfall. **(1 mark)**
2. Identify the month with the least amount of rainfall. **(1 mark)**
3. Compare the amount of rainfall in February and May. Which month have more rainfall? **(1 mark)**
4. Calculate the total amount of rainfall for the first 3 months. **(2 marks)**
5. Describe the trend on the amount of rainfall from April to June. **(2 marks)**

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SECTION B (continued)**(c) Picture Study****[7 marks]**

Use the picture given below to answer **Questions 1 – 5** in your **Answer Booklet**.

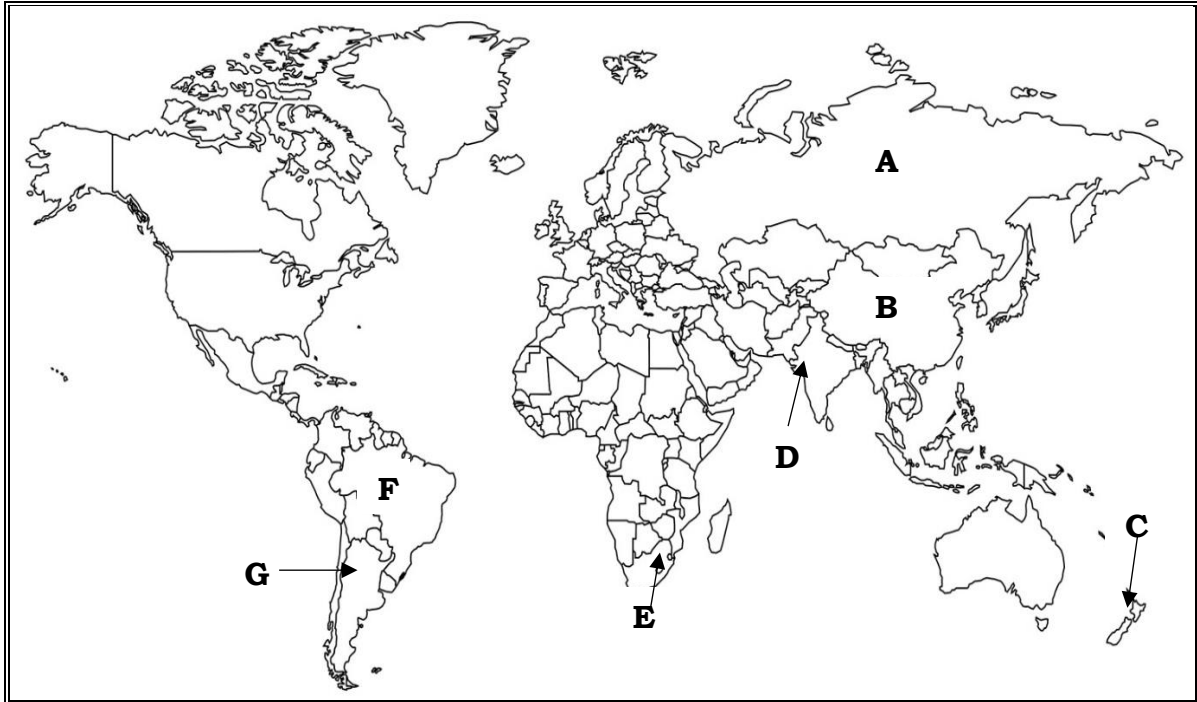


Source: *pluspng.com*

1. In which year was the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement founded? **(1 mark)**
2. Name the founder of the organisation. **(1 mark)**
3. State an importance of volunteering in the organisation. **(1 mark)**
4. List **two** roles of International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement **(2 marks)**
5. Explain **one** way International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement has influenced the world socially. **(2 marks)**

SECTION B**(d) Mapping****[7 marks]**

Use the map and the descriptions given below to identify **A – G** using the word list.

World Map

Source: <https://taxsuperandyou.gov.au>

New Zealand	Brazil	India	Canada	Argentina
Russia	Europe	China	Japan	South Africa

A Largest country in the world by land area.

B Its capital city is Beijing.

C It consists of two main islands, the North Island and South Island.

D It has a deep and historical connection to Fiji.

E Usually referred to as the “Rainbow Nation.”

F Largest country in South America and features the Amazon rainforest.

G Home of famous soccer player Lionel Messi.

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SECTION B**(e) Creativity****[10 marks]**

Draw and colour. Draw with your pencil and use colours if possible, in this question only.

“Time is the greatest treasure. Good results begin with good preparation.” - *Unknown*

- (i) Draw **two** ways people use their time effectively.
Give your drawing a title
- (ii) Explain each of the drawings on how people use their time in part (i).

(5 marks)**(5 marks)****PART 3 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS****[14 marks]**

Answer all questions.

- 1. State **one** way in which climate affect daily lives of people. **(1 mark)**
- 2. State **one** benefit of managing money wisely. **(1 mark)**
- 3. Which country will host the next Commonwealth Games? **(1 mark)**
- 4. List **two** common characteristics among political groups. **(2 marks)**
- 5. Describe **one** major effect of colonising other countries. **(2 marks)**
- 6. Describe **one** significance of hosting major sporting events. **(2 marks)**
- 7. Describe **one** disadvantage of globalisation in Fiji. **(2 marks)**
- 8. Identify groups of people in Fiji, Kiribati and Tonga. **(3 marks)**

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