

FORM 2 SOCIAL MODERN STUDIES

GRADE 8

Section A

1. Fill in the blanks

Overcrowding – unhygienic conditions – improper – sanitation – immigration depots - Apravasi Ghat – diseases – quarantine – barracks – camp.

2. True or False

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) True
- 4) False
- 5) True
- 6) True
- 7) False
- 8) True
- 9) True
- 10) True

Section B

1. European country first to discover new sea route from Europe to the east: Portugal

2. Importance of our island to Europeans during their voyage to East for trade.

Mauritius, being situated in the middle of the Indian Ocean, was a perfect place for sailors travelling to the East to have rest, get fresh water and food.

3. Motives for colonization

- i) The exploitation of minerals and other resources provided great wealth to the colonizing country.
- ii) New territories and lands made them powerful.
- iii) Resources found in the new lands made them richer and more powerful.

(Other acceptable answers: Strategic importance – missionary)

4. Chattel slavery

Chattel slavery means that people were treated as goods – They were bought and sold in markets – they were hired and even insured as goods – These enslaved men, women and children became the “property” of their owners – They had no rights – Their children also became slaves.

5. Slaves complain to whom and were judgment in favour of slaves.

- Slaves complained to the Protector.
- No

6. If an immigrant was found without a ticket.

He was treated as a “vagrant”.

He could be arrested and imprisoned.

7. Three groups of people who compromised the population in the 19th century.

Colonists

Slave

Free coloured

8. The colonial power which had more colonies in 1900 AD.

Britain

9. Mauritius involved in the World War I.

Mauritius belonged to Britain as a colony, so Mauritians were taken to fight in World War I.

6. Two economic measures taken to deal with difficult situation during World War I.

- i) The non-running of trains on Sundays until 1920.
- ii) Ban on the selling of meat on Mondays and Thursdays.

Additional answer:

- iii) Food had to be grown locally as it became more difficult to import rice from India.

7. Monument erected in the honour of Mauritian soldiers killed in World War I. Where is the monument found.

“War-memorial” found at Curepipe.

8. 2 consequences of World War I.

i) Huge number of deaths

ii) unemployment

Additional answers:

iii) Food shortage

iv) Breakdown of empires