

Massachusetts Grade 8 Civics End-of-Course Practice Test Answer Key

This document includes the reporting category, the grade 8 civics content standard, the HSS practice standard, and the number of points for each end-of-course test item. The correct answer for each machine-scored item is provided.

Item Number	Reporting Category	2018 Standard	HSS Practice Standard	Points	Correct Answer						
1	Topics 1 and 2	8.T7.6	4	1	Based on the political cartoon, freedom of the press is necessary for <input type="text" value="supporting democratic ideals"/> in the United States.						
2	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.4	1	1	A						
3	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.6	6	1	D						
4	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.6	2	1	A						
5	Topics 1 and 2	8.T2.2	6	1	<u>In 1786, more than one thousand Massachusetts citizens, many of them farmers, protested against unfair economic policies.</u> <u>The farmers could not pay the high taxes imposed on them by the state.</u> <u>Citizens marched to courthouses and demanded that the government stop taking farms away from farmers.</u> <u>Since there was no national military, the uprising was eventually stopped by a state militia that was privately funded.</u>						
6	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.1	1	1	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>Legislative</td> <td>Executive</td> <td>Judicial</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Speaker of the House</td> <td>Secretary of Education</td> <td>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court</td> </tr> </table>	Legislative	Executive	Judicial	Speaker of the House	Secretary of Education	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
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7	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.5	3	1	Based on the sources, citizens directly influenced the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by <input type="text" value="protesting injustices"/> and by <input type="text" value="appealing to elected officials"/> .						
8	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T5.4	4	1	C						
9	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T7.3	4	1	C						
10	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T5.1	1	1	The quotation from the U.S. Constitution is known as the <input type="text" value="elastic clause"/> because it allows the federal government to <input type="text" value="stretch its authority"/> .						
11	Topics 1 and 2	8.T1.4	1	1	A						
12	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.2	1	2	Part A	A, B					
					Part B	B					
13	Topics 1 and 2	8.T1.2	1	1	D						
14	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.9	1	1	A position that is best categorized as public service is a <input type="text" value="city councilor"/> , and the funding for this position comes mostly from <input type="text" value="state and local taxes"/> .						

15	Topics 1 and 2	8.T1.3	4	1	B	
16	Topics 1 and 2	8.T1.3	1	1	C	
17	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.2	4	1	A	
18	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.2	1	1	D	
19	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.5	1	1	B	
20	Topics 1 and 2	8.T2.2	1	2	Part A	D
					Part B	As a result of weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, a <input type="text" value="constitutional convention was held"/> .
21	Topics 3 and 6	8.T6.9	1	1	B, C	
22	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.2	1	1		
23	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.4	1	1	Based on the sources, habeas corpus grants individuals the right to <input type="text" value="due process"/> .	
24	Topics 1 and 2	8.T4.10	1	1	A	
25	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.4	3	1	B, E	
26	Topics 1 and 2	8.T2.3	1	1	D	
27	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.4	3	1	C	
28	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T7.6	4	1	B	
29	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T7.6	6	1	B	
30	Topics 3 and 6	8.T6.7	3	1	C	
31	Topics 1 and 2	8.T1.5	3	1	C, D, E	
32	Topics 3 and 6	8.T6.4	3	1	C	
33	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.3	1	1	In both the state and federal governments, the legislative branch helps to preserve the protections described in the information by <input type="text" value="passing laws to support"/> the guarantees listed.	