

Massachusetts Grade 8 Civics End-of-Course Computer-Based 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	2	Part A: D Part B: A
4	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>
5	Topics 3 and 6	8.T6.9	1	2	Part A: A, D, E Part B: A
6	Topics 3 and 6	8.T3.1	1	1	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Legislative</p> <p>Speaker of the House</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Executive</p> <p>Secretary of Education</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Judicial</p> <p>Chief Justice of the Supreme Court</p> </div> </div>
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															
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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 4, 5, and 7	8.T5.2	4	1	B															
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30	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T7.6	4	2	Part A: B Part B: B
31	Topics 3 and 6	8.T6.7	3	1	C
32	Topics 1 and 2	8.T1.5	3	1	C, D, E
33	Topics 4, 5, and 7	8.T4.6	3	1	D
34	Topics 3 and 6	8.T6.4	3	2	Part A: C Part B: 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.