

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATION – 1935

The following questions were taken from an eighth grade exam given by Ruth Regenbergs Andersen who taught at Hoosier Grove School from 1933 to 1935. This is not the complete exam. Most of the subjects had seven questions and students were expected to answer five of them. These questions were chosen to represent the degree of difficulty and the range of topics that would have been covered.

English and Literature

1. Write correctly eight or more lines of a poem which you like, giving the title of the poem and the name of the author.
2. (a) Name five books you have read this year and give the author of each.
(b) Make a very brief book review of one.
3. Rewrite these sentences choosing the correct words:
I (seen, saw) your brother but I haven't (saw, seen) you.
What is the (lying, laying) on the table?
(This, these) kind of grapes never tastes (sweetly, sweet).
I couldn't see (no, any) bird (anywhere, nowhere) in the park.
4. Name the most important characters in any one of the following selections: "Snow Bound" "Evangeline" "A Christmas Carol."

History

1. Name two great colonial leaders during the Revolutionary War. Show how each played an important part in our separation from England.
2. Write a fact about seven of the following: Admiral Byrd, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, John J. Pershing, Commander Peary, Robert E. Lee, Adolph Hitler, Henry Clay, Benito Mussolini and William McKinley.
3. What form of government is a democracy? A dictatorship? Give examples of each.

Arithmetic

1. The basement is 24 feet wide, 30 feet long and 7 feet deep. Find the cost of the walls and the floor at \$2.70 per square yard. What would this be a cubic foot if the walls are 6 inches thick and the floor 6 inches deep?
2. Clyde Smith found that he could buy a radio set for \$150.00 cash or \$175.00 on the following terms: \$25.00 down and \$25.00 a month for the next six months. If he bought the set on the installment plan, what yearly rate of interest would he have to pay?
3. (a) Change $\frac{17}{1000}$ to a mixed decimal.
(b) Divide 22,560 by 48.
(c) Find the product of 508 and 698.
(d) Subtract 4,457 from 13,943.
(e) Add 121, 273, 465, 423, 597, and 753.

Civics

1. How is the President of the United States elected? How is a member of your school board elected?
2. Name three departments of government. Give three important powers of Congress.
3. What is meant by real estate tax? Sales tax?

Physiology and Hygiene

1. Name three forms of exercise which help keep you fit.
2. What is Diphtheria Immunization? How many pupils in your classroom have been immunized?
3. Explain what should be done in any of the following cases:
(a) apparent drowning (b) cut artery (c) burning clothes (d) fainting
(e) removing a person from a charged electric wire or third rail.

Geography

1. Name the continents and the large bodies of water of the world.
2. Tell what each of the following is:
Suez, Sahara, Australia, Rhine, Alps, Arctic, Mississippi, Equator, Appalachian
3. State the general direction and approximate distance of each of the following cities from Chicago:
New Orleans, New York, San Francisco, London, Havana, Montreal and Portland, Oregon
4. Define each: bay, plateau, peninsula, island, steppes, illanos, tundra, desert and oasis

Penmanship

1. Describe the proper sitting position when writing.
2. Write a form salutation for a business letter.
3. Rewrite: (This will be graded on indentation, use of capitals, word spacing, letter slant, punctuation and uniformity of letter.)

Who loves the rain and loves his home and looks on life with quiet eyes him will I
follow through the storm and at his hearth fire keep me warm nor hell nor heaven
shall that soul surprise who loves the rain and loves his home and looks on life
with quiet eyes