Ohio Grade 8 Social Studies Achievement Test Blueprint						
Standard Category		Multiple- Choice (1 point)	Short- Answer (2 points)	Extended- Response (4 points)	Total	
History (7 benchmarks)	Items	7	1	1	9	
	Points	7	2	4	13	
People in Societies (3) and Geography (4)	Items	9 or 11	0 or 1	0 or 1	10 or 12	
	Points	9 or 11	0 or 2	0 or 4	13	
Economics (3), Government (3) and Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities (2)	Items	9 or 11	0 or 1	0 or 1	10 or 12	
	Points	9 or 11	0 or 2	0 or 4	13	
Social Studies Skills and Methods (4)	Items	5	2	0	7	
	Points	5	4	0	9	
Total Scored	Items	32	4	2	38	
	Points	32	8	8	48	

Note: Each operational form of the test will typically include six field-test items.

Item Distribution

Items are distributed among three item formats on each form of the test according to the following guidelines:

- The benchmarks in each of the four standard categories are assessed by multiple-choice items and at least one constructed-response item on every form of the test.
- Each benchmark will be tested within a cycle of two operational test administrations.
- The benchmarks in the People in Societies and Geography standard category and the Economics, Government, and Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities standard category will be assessed by means of one short-answer or one extended-response item.
- The benchmarks in the Social Studies Skills and Methods standard category will not be assessed by means of an extended-response item.
- The number of points from constructed-response items will be no greater than 50 percent of the total points for the standard category.

Reporting of Results

Results will be reported using a scaled score for overall achievement as well as raw score points received for each of the following standard categories:

Reporting Category	No. of Points
History	13
People in Societies and Geography	13
Economics, Government, and Citizenship Rights and	
Responsibilities	13
Social Studies Skills and Methods	9