Scarcity and Choice

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

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Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. Eli has 30 minutes. He can read or play a game, not both. He reads. What does he give up?

   30 more minutes playing the game his homework reading the book

2. There are 2 art kits for 18 students. Which plan shares the kits fairly?

   the first two students keep them all week

   groups take turns with the kits each day

   students who sit closest get them

   the teacher keeps the kits on a shelf

3. A bakery has flour for 20 loaves. It gets 30 orders. What must the baker do?

   bake 30 loaves with the flour

   stop selling bread forever

   choose which 20 orders to fill

   fill every order today

4. What can a family do when money is scarce?

   buy everything they see

   buy needs first and wait on wants

   stop buying food

   buy wants first and wait on needs

5. Two classes want the gym at 10:00. Which choice solves the problem?

   one class goes at 10:00, one at 11:00

   both classes go at 10:00

   the class that asked last gets it

   neither class makes a plan

6. Mia saves her $10 instead of buying a game today. What does she give up?

her savings $20 having the game today the money she saved

7. Why do towns make choices about how to spend money?

They have more money than they can use.

They have less money than things they want.

Only one project is ever needed.

Every project costs nothing.

8. There are 3 library copies of a new book and 20 readers. Which plan is fair?

make a list and lend each copy for one week

give the copies to the first 3 readers to keep

let the readers who ask loudest go first

let the librarian's friends read first

9. A town has $500. Fixing the playground costs $500. New library books cost $500. It fixes the playground. What does it give up?

the playground repair the library building $500 more next year

the new library books

10. One soccer field is shared by 4 teams that take turns. What does each team give up?

its coach playing soccer at all its team uniforms playing whenever it wants

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