



Delhi Public School, Howrah

PERIODIC ASSESSMENT - 1 (2024-2025)

Class-VIII

Care must be taken not to write anything on the question paper. All the questions must be attempted in the correct sequence.

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time: -1Hour 30 minutes


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General Instructions:

1. Question paper comprises Six Sections – A, B, C, D, E and F. There are 20 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
2. **Section A** – From question 1 to 10 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
3. **Section B** – Question no. 11 to 13 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40 words.
4. **Section C** contains Q.14 to Q.15 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 words.
5. **Section D** – Question no. 16 to 17 are case based questions, carrying 2 marks each.
6. **Section E** – Questions no from 18 to 19 are case based questions with two sub questions and are of 1 mark each. Answer to each question should not exceed 100 words.
7. **Section F** – Question no. 20 is map based, carrying 4 marks with two parts, 20a from History (1 mark) and 20b from Geography (3 marks).
8. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.
9. In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

Q NO.	SECTION A MCQs (1x10=10)	
1.	Which of the following is not true about British administrative records? (a)The British believed that the act of writing is important. (b) Every instruction plan in policy has to be written. (c)British wanted that all written documents needed to be preserved. (d)Letters and memos did not move from one branch to another.	1
2.	A few reasons as to why there is uneven distribution of population in different parts of the world are given below. Pick out the most appropriate reason. (a) Due to varied characteristics of land and climate. (b) Due to the fact that earth is the only heavenly body in the universe. (c) Due to the fact that water covers only about 70% of the total area. (d) Due to the fact that land covers only about 30% of the total area.	1
3.	Assertion: The Indian constitution provides for separation of powers. Reason: This ensures a system of checks and balances of power among the organs of government. (a)Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion. (b)Both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion. (c)Assertion is true but reason is false. (d)Assertion is false but reason is true.	1
4.	Which one of the following statements is true with respect to lands. (a) People and their demands are growing because the availability of land is not limited. (b) Community lands are owned by the community for common uses like collection of fodder, fruits or medicinal herbs. (c) Proper planning of land use with reference to the nature of land and the needs of the community would provide minimum returns.	1

	(d) Community land belongs to an individual and hence he/she is free to cultivate in that land.	
5.	The British East India company was worried about its power and keen on a puppet ruler. Here puppet ruler means - (a) A nawab who would grant all required privileges to the British. (b) A ruler who would not accept British commands. (c) A nawab who would negotiate with the British. (d) A ruler who would enter into matrimonial alliances with the British.	1
6.	Identify the correct option based on the statements given below: I. Topsoil with humus and vegetation. II. Sub soil with sand, silt and clay. III. Weathered rock materials. IV. Parent rock. Options: (a) Soil formation. (b) Soil profile. (c) Soil conservation. (d) Soil depletion .	1
7.	Which Fundamental right of the constitution prevents children below the age of 14 from working (a) Right to freedom (b) Right against exploitation (c) Right to constitutional remedies (d) Right to equality	1
8. is a basic feature of Federalism. (a) Record keeping of Judicial procedure. (b) Separation of powers. (c) Division of power at various levels of governance. (d) Superiority of state units.	1
9.	ASSERTION: The distribution of resources depends upon various factors such as the physical nature of a place etc. REASON: Resource development is a method of utilizing our intelligence. (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is true but R is false. (d) A is false but R is true.	1
10.	Which one of the following is a principle of Sustainable Development? (a) Balance between use and conservation of resources. (b) Cut the trees. (c) Use vehicles that cause pollution. (d) Allow industries to carry on illegal mining.	1
SECTION B VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (2x3=6)		
11.	'The British portrayed Haidar and Tipu as ambitious, arrogant and dangerous.' Explain.	2

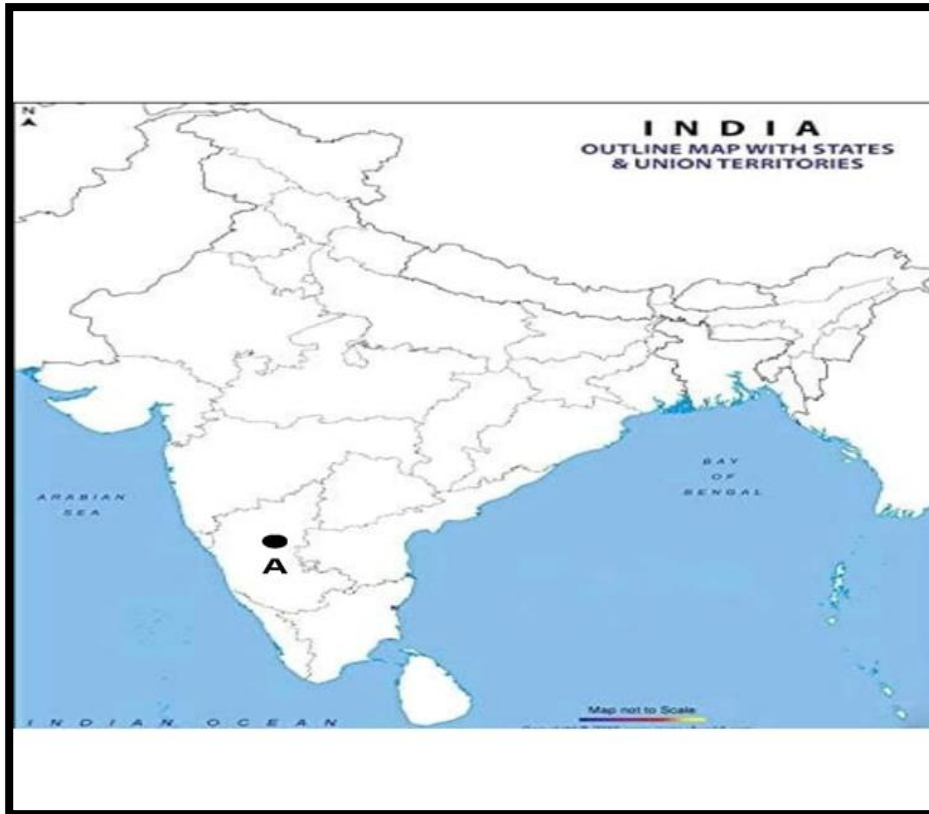
12.	<p>a) Identify the picture shown and state under which category can this resource be classified? b) Is this resource type can be classified as “Actual” or “Potential” resource. Justify.</p>		2
13.	‘A constitution serves several purposes in a democracy’. Justify the statement.		2
SECTION C SHORT ANSWER BASED QUESTIONS (3X2=6)			
14.	‘The Constitution guarantees the rights of individuals against the state and other Individuals.’ Explain three fundamental rights in this context.		3
15.	“Access to sufficient and clean water sources is one of the most pressing concerns confronting the world today.” Justify the various ways in which water contamination can be restricted.		3
SECTION D CASE BASED QUESTIONS (2X2=4)			
16.	<p>Read the source given below and answer the following questions: Mill thought that all Asian societies were at a lower level of civilization than Europe. According to his telling of history, before the British came to India, Hindu and Muslim despots ruled the country. Religious intolerance, caste taboos and superstitious practices dominated social life. British rule, Mill felt, could civilize India.</p> <p>16.1 How have modern historians explained the periodization of history? 16.2 Give any one drawback of the periodization given by James Mill.</p>		1 1
17.	<p>Read the source given below and answer the following questions. Human resources refer to the number (quantity) and ability (mental and physical) of the people. Though there are differing views regarding treatment of human as a resource , one cannot deny the fact that it is the ability of human that help in transferring the physical materials into valuable resources.</p> <p>17.1. Differentiate between human resources and human-made resources. 17.2. Give an example to show how can human resources help in transferring the physical materials into valuable resources?</p>		1 1
SECTION E LONG ANSWER BASED QUESTIONS (5X2=10)			
18.	Analyze the changes brought about by the British in the army in India.		5
19.	‘Soil erosion and the depletion are the major threats to the soil as a resource.’ On this context elucidate the measures that can be taken for soil conservation.		5

SECTION F
MAP SKILL BASED QUESTIONS (1+3=4)

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20.a. Name of contemporary state of India where the Battle of Seringapatam was fought "A" .

1+3



20.b On the outline map of India locate and label the following with suitable symbols-

- I. A place in India where cotton soil is found.
- II. A state in the Northern plain where alluvial soil is found.
- III. Mark a state where sprinkle irrigation is available.