



Delhi Public School, Howrah
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (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: -3 Hours

F.M.80


General Instructions:

- i. Question paper comprises Six Sections – A, B, C, D, E and F. There are 37 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- ii. Section A – From question 1 to 20 are Questions of 1 mark each.
- iii. Section B – Question no. 21 to 23 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40 words.
- iv. Section C contains Q.24 to Q.27 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 words
- v. Section D – Question no. 28 to 31 are long answer type questions, carrying 5 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 120 words.
- vi. Section-E - Questions no from 32 to 34 are case based questions with three sub Questions and are of 4 marks each
- vii. Section F – Question no. 35 is map based, carrying 5 marks with two parts, 35.a from History (2 marks) and 35.b from Geography (3 marks).
- viii. 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.
- ix. In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

Q NO.	SECTION A MCQs (1x20=20)	1
1.	Which of the following is not true in the context of Indian indigo? (a)It left behind a deep colour. (b)By the end of the eighteenth century, the demand for Indian indigo lessened. (c)From the last decades of the eighteenth century, indigo cultivation in Bengal expanded rapidly. (d)In 1788, only about 30 per cent of the indigo imported to Britain was from India.	1
2.	What does the Right to Freedom of Religion imply? (a)Every person has the right to practice, profess and propagate the religion of their choice. (b)The majority religion is allowed to dominate. (c)Forceful conversion is allowed. (d)An official religion is declared in the state compulsorily.	1
3.	Arrange the following events in correct sequence. (i)Battle of Plassey (ii)First Battle of Seringapatam (iii)Battle of Buxar (iv)Third battle of Panipat Option: (a)i-ii-iii-iv (b)i-iv-iii-ii (c)ii-i-iv-iii (d)iv-i-iii-ii	1
4.	In the question given, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and chose the correct option:	1

	<p>Assertion (A): The tribals felt that not only the British but also the Indians who did not belong to tribal society were their enemies.</p> <p>Reason (R): The outsiders infiltrated in tribal society as money lenders and traders to exploit the tribals.</p> <p>(a)Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. (b)Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A. (b)A is incorrect but R is correct. (d)A is correct but R is incorrect.</p>	
5.	<p>Which of the following is true with regards to James Mill’s views of India?</p> <p>(a)India was at a lower level of civilization as compared to the West. (b)The French came and civilized the country. (c)The rulers were fair and not despotic. (d)There was no religious demarcation in rulership.</p>	1
6.	<p>Read the following statement and choose the correct option.</p> <p>Statement 1: Many tribes took up settled agriculture by the 19th century. Statement 2: Shifting method was a wasteful method of agriculture.</p> <p>(a)Statement 1 is correct Statement 2 is incorrect. (b)Statement 2 is correct Statement 1 is incorrect. (c)Both 1 and 2 are correct. (d)Both 1 and 2 are incorrect.</p>	1
7.	<p>Why did the British effort to settle jhum cultivators was not very successful?</p> <p>(a)It was not easy to grow crops in areas where water was scarce. (b)Jhum cultivators suffered after they started settled cultivation. (c)The need for settlement was not felt by the tribes. (d) All of the above.</p>	1
8.	<p>Given below are two statements, one labelled as Assertion (A) and the other Reason (R) .Consider the statements and choose the correct option.</p> <p>Assertion (A): The On 8 April 1857, a young soldier, Mangal Pandey, was hanged to death for attacking his officers in Barrackpore.</p> <p>Reason (R): Sepoys of the regiment at Meerut refused to do the army drill using the new cartridges, which were suspected of being coated with the fat of cows and pigs.</p> <p>(a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is incorrect but R is correct. (d) A is correct but R is incorrect.</p>	1
9.	<p>How can the government ensure social justice ?</p> <p>(a)Making strict laws and enforcing them. (b)By making laws which favour one section. (c)By ensuring that every section receives facilities. (d) a and c</p>	1
10.	<p>Given below are two statements, one labelled as Assertion (A) and the other Reason (R) . Consider the statements and choose the correct option.</p> <p>Assertion (A): The planters found it difficult to expand the area under nij cultivation. Reason (R): Labour was not easy to mobilise in large plantations.</p> <p>(a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. (b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c) A is incorrect but R is correct. (d) A is correct but R is incorrect.</p>	1
11.	<p>Which one of the following is not a principle of sustainable development?</p> <p>(b)Balance between use and conservation of resources (b)Cut down the trees (c)Use of public transport</p>	1

	(d)Promote recycling	
12.	<p>In the question given, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option: Assertion (A)- Land degradation, landslides, soil erosion, desertification are the major threats to the environment Reason (R) – People started encroaching upon the common lands to build up commercial areas, housing complexes in the urban areas and to expand the agricultural land in the rural areas.</p> <p>(a)Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. (b)Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c)A is incorrect but R is correct. (d)A is correct but R is incorrect.</p>	1
13.	<p>Careful use of resources and giving time to renew them is known as-</p> <p>(a)Technological skills (b)Depletion (c)Developmental level (d)Conservation</p>	1
14.	<p>Why is it necessary to increase the area under forests?</p> <p>i. To maintain ecological balance. ii. Forest absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. iii. Forest helps in raising the level of precipitation.</p> <p>Option: (a)Only option(i) is correct. (b)Only option (ii) is correct. (c)Option (i),(ii) and (iii) are correct. (d)Only (i) and (iii) are correct.</p>	1
15.	<p>In the question given below, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option: Assertion (A)-Time and technology are two important factors that can change substances into resources. Reason (R) –Time and technology are related to the needs of the people. People themselves are the most important resource.</p> <p>(a)Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. (b)Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A. (c)A is incorrect but R is correct. (d)A is correct but R is incorrect.</p>	1
16.	<p>Which of the following animals are protected under CITES?</p> <p>(a)Monkey (b)Dolphins (c)Gorilla (d)Rats</p>	1
17.	<p>Various layers in the soil after it is cut out like a slice of cake is known as _____.</p> <p>(a)Top Soil (b)Soil Horizon (c)Sub Soil (d)Soil Mixture</p>	1
18.	<p>Which is not an example of ground water?</p> <p>(a)Water flowing in rivers (b)Water through wells (c)Water through hand pumps (d)Water through submersible pumps</p>	1

19.	<p>Which method of irrigation is shown here?</p> <p>(a) Drip irrigation (b) Sprinkle irrigation (c) Canal irrigation (d) Fog irrigation</p>		1
20.	<p>A natural area designated to protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for the present and the future generations-</p> <p>(a) Forest (b) Zoo (c) National park (d) Miniature park</p>		1
SECTION B VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (2x4=8)			
21.	<p>A) Discuss the steps taken by the British to quell the rebellion of 1857? OR B) How was the response of Indian soldiers of Meerut to the dismissal of soldiers on 9th May 1857 extraordinary?</p>		2
22.	<p>A) Why is it important to separate religion from the 'State'? Explain with examples. OR B) Explain 'tyranny of the majority' in the context of religion.</p>		2
23.	<p>"Humans and natural disaster are threats to natural vegetation and wildlife"-Justify.</p>		2
24.	<p>Ninety percent of the world population occupies only thirty percent of land area. The remaining seventy percent of the land is either sparsely populated or uninhabited. In this context explain the various reasons to show uneven distribution of population in different parts of the world?</p>		2
SECTION C SHORT ANSWER BASED QUESTIONS (3X5=15)			
25.	<p>'The tribals of India were a diverse group as far as livelihood is concerned.' Justify.</p>		3
26.	<p>'Fundamental Rights has often been referred to as the 'conscience' of the Indian Constitution.' Justify.</p>		3
27.	<p>"Time and technology are two major aspects that can transform substances into resources" Substantiate the statement with example.</p>		3
28.	<p>Differentiate between Tropical evergreen and Tropical Deciduous forest.</p>		3
29.	<p>How do the Human made resources help us to develop our world?</p>		3

- 2) Name one Densely populated and one Sparsely populated state of India.
 3) How can land be protected from being degraded, so that it can be reused in future?

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SECTION F
MAP SKILL BASED QUESTIONS (2+3=5)

- 37** **37.a** On an outline map of India, two places are marked as A and B. Identify the places and write their correct names.
 A. State where Rani Channamma took up arms against the British.
 B. The state where Portuguese base in India was located.

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37.b On the given map of India, name and label the following (Any-3)

- a) National park famous for conservation of Asiatic lion.
- b) Rhinoceros reserve in Assam.
- c) World's largest delta which is an evergreen Tidal Forest.
- d) Densely Populated Plain.