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Delhi Public School, Howrah

FINAL EXAMINATION (2023-2024)

Class-VIII

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

Time: -3 Hours

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

F.M.80

General Instructions:

- i. Question paper comprises of 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 24 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40 words.
- iv. Section C - Question no.25 to Question no.29 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 words
- v. Section D – Question no. 30 to 33 are long answer type questions, carrying 5 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 120 words.
- vi. Section-E - Questions no from 34 to 36 are case based questions with three sub questions and are of 4 marks each.
- vii. Section F – Question no. 37 is map based, carrying 5 marks with two parts, 37.a from History (2 marks) and 37.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	Which of the following statements best explains the reason behind the formation of the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1885? a) The British government wanted to form an Indian political party. b) The INC aimed at demanding complete independence from the British. c) The INC aimed at bringing together educated Indians to discuss political issues and express their grievances. d) The INC was formed as a response to the first war of independence in 1857.	1
2	Which of the following is NOT a function of the judiciary in India? a) Solving disputes between citizens b) Interpreting laws and the Constitution c) Enforcing government policies d) Protecting the rights of the citizens	1
3	The aim of Macaulay's Minute on Education (1835) was to: a) Promote Indian languages b) Establish a system of education that would produce a class of educated Indians loyal to the British c) Support the education of women d) Establish universities in India to make the country self sufficient	1

4	<p>What was the focus of the women's reform movement during the 19th century in India?</p> <p>a) Equal rights in marriage b) Female education, widow remarriage, and abolition of practices like Sati c) The right to vote d) Women's participation in political activities</p>	1
5	<p>Which of the following is true about Orientalism?</p> <p>a) Literature of east was full of error. b) Promotion of oriental languages. c) Establishment English medium schools. d) Understanding eastern literature as light hearted.</p>	1
6	<p>What was the main impact of the 1857 revolt on the British administration in India?</p> <p>a) The British decided to leave India b) The British government took direct control of India from the East India Company c) The British abolished the Indian army d) The British expanded their control over more parts of India.</p>	1
7	<p>Arrange the following statements in chronological order with regard to making of the national movement.</p> <p>i. Passing of the Arms Act. ii. Formation of the Indian National Congress. iii. Non- cooperation movement is launched. iv. Salt March by Gandhi.</p> <p>a) ii, iv, iii, i. b) i, ii, iv, iii. c) ii, iii, i, iv. d) i, ii, iii, iv.</p>	1
8	<p>Which of the following is NOT true about the caste movement in India?</p> <p>a) The Prarthana Samaj adhered to the tradition of Bhakti that believed in spiritual equality of all castes. b) In Bombay, the Paramhans Mandali was founded to work for the abolition of caste. c) Narayan Guru advocated the existence of multiple gods. d) Ambedhkar began the temple entry movement.</p>	1
9	<p>There are two statements Assertion(A) and Reason(R). Answer these questions selecting the correct option given below.</p> <p>Assertion (A): Public facilities are essential for the well-being of the people in a society. Reason (R): Public facilities are available only to the rich and not to the poor.</p> <p>a) Both assertion and reason are correct, and the reason is the correct explanation for the assertion. b) Both assertion and reason are correct, but the reason is not the correct explanation for the assertion. c) The assertion is correct, but the reason is incorrect. d) Both assertion and reason are incorrect.</p>	1
10	<p>Read the statements given below and choose the correct option.</p> <p>Statement I: The Mughal dynasty had ruled over a very large part of the country. Most smaller rulers and chieftains controlled different territories on behalf of the Mughal ruler. Statement II: Threatened by the expansion of British rule, many of them felt that if the Mughal emperor could rule again, they too would be able to rule their own territories once more, under Mughal authority.</p> <p>a) Statement I is correct, Statement II is incorrect. b) Statement II is correct, Statement I is incorrect. c) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct. d) Both Statement I and Statement II are incorrect.</p>	1

11.	Type of farming that meets family needs is known as a) Subsistence b) Mixed c) Organic d) Commercial	1
12	If a country invests heavily in education and healthcare, which of the following can be expected as an outcome? a) Reduction in population size b) Improvement in the quality of human resources c) Decrease in the natural resource availability d) Gradual decrease in migration to urban areas	1
13	What can be a possible solution to conserve soil fertility in agricultural lands? a) Overuse of chemical fertilizers b) Crop rotation c) Irrigation d) Both a and b	1
14	A farmer notices that his soil is becoming increasingly acidic, which affects crop growth. What is the most likely cause of this problem? a) Overuse of chemical fertilizers. b) Crop rotation. c) Use of organic compost. d) Mixed farming.	1
15	The lowermost layer of soil is known as a) Weathered rocks b) Parent rock c) Sub soil d) Organic matter	1
16	A country is facing the challenge of an aging population, Which strategy would be most effective to improve its human resources? a) Reducing the population size b) Focusing on attracting young skilled workers through immigration c) Lowering education standards d) Restricting healthcare services for the elderly	1
17	Which of the following statements about water conservation is true? a) Water conservation is only important in desert regions. b) It can be only done through community endeavors. c) Rainwater harvesting can be used as a method of water conservation. d) Water can be replenished indefinitely without any conservation efforts.	1
18	Careful use of resources and giving time to renew it, is known as a) Technological skills b) Depletion c) Development level d) Conservation	1
19	A farmer is using drip irrigation in his field. Which of the following is a major benefit of using this irrigation method? a) It increases fertility. b) It reduces water consumption. c) It requires more labour. d) It is less expensive than other methods.	1

20	<p>There are two statements Assertion (A) and Reason(R). Answer these questions selecting the correct option given below.</p> <p>Assertion (A)- The government provides incentives like subsidised power, lower transport cost and other infrastructure so that industries may be located in backward areas.</p> <p>Reason (R) - Industrialisation often leads to development and growth of towns and cities.</p> <p>a) A is correct but R is wrong. b) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. c) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A. d) A is wrong but R is correct.</p>	1
SECTION B VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS (2x4=8)		
21.	<p>A. What role does the government play in ensuring access to public facilities?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. Why are large private schools and hospitals located in urban areas?</p>	2
22.	<p>A. Ram an inhabitant of early 19th century India witnesses a surge in printed material. How do you think this led to the social reforms?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. How did the coming up of new cities lead to re enforcement of caste barriers?</p>	2
23	<p>A. Vineet is on a tour of rural India. He is observing farms in villages. What features would he notice in a typical farm operated by a rural Indian farmer?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. 'Nomadic farming involves movement from one place to another'. Justify the statement and mention one place in India where it is practiced.</p>	2
24.	<p>A. Mention two ways in which landslides can be mitigated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>B. 'CITES is an important step towards animal conservation'. Elaborate.</p>	2
SECTION C SHORT ANSWER BASED QUESTIONS (3X5=15)		
25.	What findings did William Adams come across after surveying Pathshalas in India?	3
26.	As a citizen of a democratic country what role would you expect the Judiciary to play ?	3
27.	'Rice is a major food crop of the world'. Elaborate on the geographical conditions needed to grow rice.	3
28.	Gaurav wants to establish a steel plant in India. He has chosen Jamshedpur as the location. Explain the factors that led him to choose this location.	3
29.	'Even though water is a renewable resource, its overuse and pollution make it unfit for use'. In the given context elaborate on ways in which water can be conserved.	3
SECTION D LONG ANSWER BASED QUESTIONS (5X4=20)		
30.	<p>A. Riya is researching on the affects of World War I on India during colonial times. What observations would she find out in the given context?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>B. 'Different classes and groups, interpreting Gandhiji's call in their own manner, protested in ways that were not in accordance with his ideas.' Justify with examples.</p>	5
31	<p>A. A tourist visiting India is keen on knowing more about the Adivasis. Upon research what factors shall the tourist come across with regards to their heterogeneity and lifestyle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>Explain with examples how Fundamental Rights have been instrumental in protecting the Tribals and minorities of the country?</p>	5

