

Date:

Class: VIII

Social Science

Time:3 hrs

M.M: 90

General Instructions:

1. All the questions are compulsory
2. Read the question paper carefully.
3. Attempt all parts of a question together.
4. Questions from serial numbers. 1 to 9 are 1 mark question.
5. Questions 10 to 21 are 3 marks questions
6. Question 22 to 29 are 5 marks each
7. Map question carries 5 marks.

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| 1  | Name the Englishman who devised the new system of Mahalwari.   | 1     |
| 2  | Who am I? I am a religious group that was persecuted during Hitler's Germany?  | 1     |
| 3  | Which law was passed by France in February 2004?   | 1     |
| 1  | How many constituencies are currently there in India?  | 1     |
| 2  | If the President has to resign, to whom will he send his resignation?  | 1     |
| 3  | How many elected & nominated members are there in the Rajya Sabha?   | 1     |
| 4  | Uranium found in Ladakh can be categorized under which type of natural resource?   | 1     |
| 5  | Kabir lives in a village of Himachal Pradesh and finds difficulty in cropping the land as it is prone to soil erosion. Suggest one way so that he can overcome this problem .  | 1     |
| 6  | Where will you find the world's oldest rocks .   | 1     |
| 7  | Does the slave trade still exist in South Africa? Give at least two probable reasons for your answer.  | 1+2=3 |
| 8  | What were the problems faced under the 'nij' cultivation?  | 3     |
| 9  | Enumerate any three economic causes for the Revolt of 1857.  | 3     |
| 10 | The revolt which began as a 'sepyo mutiny' become a popular rebellion? Evaluate.   | 3     |
| 11 | Write a short note on " water supply as a part fundamental Right to Life".   | 3     |
| 12 | What are public facilities? Mention its important characteristics?   | 1+2=3 |
| 13 | Discuss the objectives laid down by the Constitution of India for a secular state?   | 3     |
| 14 | Do you think reservation for 'dalits' and 'women' in India has helped in uplifting their position in the society? Is there a need to continue with the reservation policy in the current scenario? Give reasons to support your answer | 3     |
| 15 | The nationalist movement supported the idea that all the adults have a right to vote. Justify.   | 3     |
| 16 | What is a resource? Why is there a need to conserve resources?   | 1+2=3 |
| 17 | What are landslides? State any two mitigation mechanism for landslides.  | 1+2=3 |
| 18 | Differentiate between natural gas and bio gas.   | 3     |
| 19 | There was a lot of competition amongst the European companies during the 17 <sup>th</sup> century and 18 <sup>th</sup> century. Comment  |       |

$2+3=5$



- 20 What gave the peasants the power to rebel? 5
- 21 Recall and write down the consequences of the revolt of 1857. 5
- 22 In what ways is the Indian secularism different from that of other democratic countries? 5
- 23 Carefully study the pictures given below and answer the questions 2+2+1=5



Figure 1



Figure 2

- a. What in your view is similar and what is the difference in Figure 1 and Figure 2
- b. What is the reason for such situations.
- c. Do you think that government must assume all the responsibility for public facilities when it can get the private companies to do a part of job?
- 24 a. When can people make best use of nature? 2+3=5
- b. An object or a substance becomes a resource when it has a value. Support the statement giving suitable examples.
- 25 a. Has your place or any other place in your city undergone a change in the land use pattern in the recent years. Give at least two reasons responsible for changes in the land use pattern. 3+2=5
- b. State a few steps that can be taken to conserve land.
- 26 Define 'Mineral'. Discuss the distribution of minerals. 1+4=5
- 27 On a political map of India show the British territory expansion in 1797. 2
- On the same map show any one city annexed under Doctrine of Lapse.
- 28 On a political map of world locate the country with: 3
- largest production of tin.
  - a country where tidal energy was harnessed.
  - a country which leads in the production of coal



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