

Std. 8

Time : 3 hrs.

**HISTORY (Max. Marks : 35, Max.Time : 1hr.10mts)**

1. What was the "Doctrine of Lapse"?  
(1)
2. List any two demerits of the Modern System of Education.  
( $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ )
3. What were the provisions of the Pitt's India Act of 1784?  
( $1 \times 3 = 3$ )
4. What was the impact of Land Revenue settlements on the Peasants?  
(3)
5. Many Historians call the Revolt of 1857 India's First War of Independence. Why?  
(OR)  
British Historians call 1857 Revolt as a Sepoy Mutiny. Why?  
(3)
6. Explain the Charter Acts of 1813, 1833 and 1853.  
(3)
7. Highlight the contribution of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to Muslim Education.  
(3)
8. Explain the Permanent Settlement and the Mahalwari Settlement. List any two advantages of these Settlements for the British.  
( $1\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{2} + 2 = 5$ )
9. List the main provisions of the Wood's Despatch of 1854.  
(5)
10. Explain the Political, Military and immediate causes of the Revolt Of 1857.  
( $2 + 2 + 1 = 5$ )
11. Mark the following on the outline Map of India:-  
(3)
  - A) Rani Lakshmibai led the Revolt from here.
  - B) Bahadur Shah Zafar led the Revolt from here.

c) Barrackpore.

**CIVICS (M.Marks:20, Time: 40mts)**

1. What is Collective Responsibility?

(1)

2. What do you understand by the terms:

a) Equality

b) Secular.

(1)

3. Explain the term "ZERO HOUR".

(1)

4. Who elects the President of India? What is his term of office?

(1)

5. List the Fundamental Rights mentioned in the Indian Constitution.  
Explain the Right to Constitutional Remedies.

( $1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}=3$ )

6. What is a Money Bill? Explain.

( $1\times3=3$ )

7. Highlight the Powers of the Prime Minister.

( $1\times5=5$ )

8. Name the sessions held in the Lok Sabha. List the powers of the Speaker.  
What are the qualifications required to contest elections for the Lok Sabha.

( $1\frac{1}{2}+2+1\frac{1}{2}=5$ )

**GEOGRAPHY (M.Marks-35; Time: 1hr. 10mts)**

1. How is land classified on the basis of soil fertility?

( $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1$ )

2. What is the other name for regur soil?

(1)

3. Briefly explain any 3 ways to conserve water?

(3)

4. Differentiate between a national park and wildlife sanctuary.  
(3)
5. Define wildlife. Why is wildlife an important resource?  
(1+2=3)
6. Discuss any 3 methods of mining.  
(3)
7. What is tidal energy? How is it generated?  
(1+2)
8. Explain the soil profile with a diagram.  
(5)
9. How is natural vegetation useful to man? (Any 5 points)  
(5)
10. Why is it important to resort to non-conventional power resources?  
(5)
11. Locate and label the following on the political map of India.  
(3)
- a) Hirakud dam                      b) Any one state with desert vegetation.  
c) Kalol.

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