

PT-2/HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2022-23
SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time - 7:15 AM to 10:20 AM

Class - VIII

M.M. : 80

Date – 07.09.2022 (Wednesday)

Name of the student _____ Section _____

General Instructions –

- The Question paper contains four sections-Section A, B, C,D
- All questions are compulsory.
- Section-A: Consist of objective type and very short answer type questions, carrying 1 and 2 marks respectively.
- Section-B: Consist of questions carrying 3 and 4 marks.
- Section-C: Consist of Long questions carrying 5 marks.
- Section-D is map based question, carrying 4 marks.
- There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in long questions.

SECTION – A

Q.1 Choose the correct option from the following. (1x6=6)

- (a) Which among the following states was annexed on the ground of misgovernment?
- (i) Satara(1848) (ii) Sambhalpur (1850)
(iii) Udaipur (1852) (iv) Awadh (1856)
- (b) The trees of this forest shed their leaves all together in a particular season.
- (i) Evergreen (ii) Grassland (iii) Deciduous (iv) Thorny
- (c) What do you understand by the terms Nij and Ryoti?
- (i) The two main trading centres of indigo
(ii) The two main areas where indigo was cultivated in India
(iii) The two important systems of indigo cultivation
(iv) The two main sets of zamindars
- (d) From the list given below, identify the work which is **NOT** performed by the Central government.
- (i) Maintain peaceful relation with China
(ii) Madhya Pradesh government to discontinue Board exams in Class VIII for all schools under this board.
(iii) Introduction of new train connection between Ajmer and Mysore
(iv) Introduction of a new 2,000 rupee note.

(e) Name the type of farming practiced to meet the needs of a farmer's family.

(i) Commercial farming

(ii) Mixed agriculture

(iii) Plantation

(iv) Subsistence farming

(f) Exclusive right over any idea or invention is called:

(i) Brand

(ii) Patent

(iii) Stock

(iv) Share

Q.2 Fill in the Blanks.

(1x6=6)

(i) Growers of Woad in Europe saw----- as a crop which would provide competition to their earnings.

(ii) ----- was the adopted son of Peshwa Baji Rao II.

(iii) Resources which have a limited stock is called-----.

(iv) The breaking up and decay of exposed rocks is called-----.

(v) -----Amendment Act of 2005 states that sons, daughters and their mothers can get an equal share in family's property.

(vi) The executives are the group of persons working together to implement laws made by the-----

Q.3 Correct the underlined word and rewrite the statements given below. (1x4=4)

(i) Lord Dalhousie introduced the annexation policy of 'Paramountcy'.

(ii) Rows of trees planted in the coastal areas to check the wind movement is called intercropping.

(iii) The Prime Minister is the leader of the opposition party in the Lok Sabha.

(iv) After a new bill is passed in both the houses, it is sent to the Prime Minister for his assent.

Q.4 Give one word/group of words for the following statements:

(1x4=4)

(i) A policy in which Indian rulers were not allowed to have their independent armed forces. They were protected by company's army.

(ii) When soldiers as a group disobey their officers in the army.

(iii) It is one of the methods of soil conservation where the bare ground between plants is covered with a layer of organic matter like straw to retain soil moisture.

(iv) It refers to the alliance formed by political party after election, when no party has been able to get adequate seats to form a clear majority.

Q.5 Answer the following questions as directed:

(i) Why were ryots reluctant to grow indigo? (2)

(ii) Mention any two political causes of the revolt of 1857. (2)

(iii) Ganga-Brahmaputra plain of India is an overpopulated region. Give reason. (2)

(iv) What do you understand by the term 'Rule of Law'? Explain with an example. (2)

(v) Complete the following table with correct information : (2)

Crops	Temperature	Soil	Season (Type of Crop)	Rainfall
Wheat	50-70cm	Loamy	-----	Moderate
Rice	100 cm above	Alluvial	Kharif	-----

SECTION - B

Q.6 Answer the following questions as directed.

(i) How did the assumption of Diwani benefit the East India Company? (3)

(ii) What were the circumstances which led to the eventual collapse of indigo production in Bengal? (3)

(iii) Suggest any three ways to conserve water resources. (3)

(iv) Classify the following list of occupations under Primary, Secondary and Tertiary sectors. (3)

* Banking

* Weaving of cloth

* Fishing

* Mining

* Insurance

* Making of steel

(v) Observe the given image and answer the questions that follow: (3)



(a) What does this image signify? (1)

(i) Public meeting

(ii) Protest

(iii) Press conference

(iv) Violence

(b) List any two ways in which citizens can express their views in relation to laws made in parliament. (2)

(vi) What is Sustainable development? Mention any three ways to conserve resources. (4)

(vii) What is Shifting cultivation? State any three disadvantages. (4)

(viii) Read the source given below and answer the questions. (4)

Zamindars did not invest in improvement of land; could not pay high revenues fixed. The situation changed in first decade of the 19th century; prices in the market rose, cultivation expanded. Initially, Zamindar's income increased but they showed no interest in improving the land. Company's revenue would not increase because of fixed revenue demand. Cultivators found this system extremely oppressive; they had to take loan from money lender, but were evicted from the land, when they failed to pay.

- (a) Which revenue system is being described in the above source? (1)
- (b) How did zamindars get benefit from this system? (1)
- (c) Why cultivators found this system extremely oppressive? (2)

(ix) With the help of the information given below in the table, answer the following questions. (4)

Result of the 17th Lok Sabha Election (May 2019)

Political parties	No. of MPs
BJP	303
INC	52
DMK	23
AITC	22
YSR Congress	22
SS	18
JD(U)	16
BJD	12
BSP	10
others	86
Grand Total	543

- (i) Name the political party which will play the role of Opposition. (1)
- (ii) How many minimum seats a party requires to get clear majority? (1)
- (iii) Which Party do you think will form the government? Give reason why? (2)

SECTION- C

Q.7 Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words. (Any three) (5x3=15)

- (i) How was the Mahalwari system different from the Permanent settlement?
- (ii) In what ways did the British Change their policies as a result of the rebellion of 1857?
- (iii) Draw and label soil profile. Explain any three factors that affect soil formation.
- (iv) What do you understand by agricultural development? How can they be achieved?
- (v) State any five Differences between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

SECTION- D

Q.8 MAP SKILL

(1x4=4)

On the given outline Political Map of India, identify the places marked with the help of following information.

- (A) The place where the rulers of Mughal Dynasty resided.
- (B) A famous city of U.P where the son of deposed Nawab Wajid Ali shah proclaimed the Nawab in 1857.
- (C) The place where Mangal Pandey was hanged to death.
- (C) Rani Laxmi Bai fought from this place.

