

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2017-18

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time : 3 hrs.

Class - VIII

M.M. : 80

Name of the student _____ Section _____ Date-12.09.2017
(Tuesday)

Instructions :

- The question paper is divided into three sections.
- Section A contains 6 questions.
- Section B contains question no. 7 & 8 of 1 and 3 marks each.
- Section C contains question no. 9 & 10 of 5 marks each.
- Question no. 10 is a value based question and is compulsory.
- This paper contains 3 pages.

SECTION - A

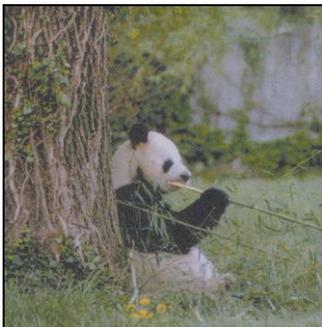
Q.1 Choose the correct option.

(4×½=2)

- i) Soil formation usually takes place more rapidly in
a) cold climates b) tropical climates c) moderate climates d) all climates
- ii) What kind of large cat is not found in the wild in Asia?
a) tiger b) leopard c) jaguar d) lion
- iii) Some of our Fundamental Rights can be restricted during
a) elections b) festivals c) wars d) none of these
- iv) Orders to restore a citizen's Fundamental Rights are issued by
a) the government b) the President c) the Courts d) all of these

Q.2 Identify the following pictures.

(½×4=2)



Q.3 Match the following.

(4×½=2)

List 1

List 2

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| a) Site of a battle in 1757 | (1) Allhabad () |
| b) Ceded to Shah Alam II in 1765 | (2) Berar () |
| c) Annexed under the Doctrine of Lapse | (3) Plassey () |
| d) Ceded by the Nizam to Dalhousie | (4) Jhansi () |

Q.4 Fill in the blanks

(1×6=6)

- i) _____ give red colour to the soil.
- ii) The Queen's Proclamation was read out in the year_____.
- iii) India's Constitution came into force on _____ January in the year_____.
- iv) The _____ is the presiding officer of the Lok Sabha.
- v) The _____ is permanent body, as it is never dissolved.

Q.5 Define the following terms.

(1×4=4)

- i) Humus ii) Inexhaustible resources iii) Constitution iv) Biosphere

Q.6 Locate the following in an outline map of India.

(1×4=4)

- i) Black soil
- ii) Gir
- iii) Sundarbans (the biosphere reserve recognised by UNESCO)
- iv) Plassey

SECTION - B

Q.7 Answer the following questions.

(1×11=11)

- i) What are natural resources?
- ii) What percentage of the earth's surface is made up of land masses?
- iii) What is meant by the growing season of a plant?
- iv) Name any two biosphere reserves of India.
- v) Name two oral source material.
- vi) When did Vasco da Gama reach India?
- vii) How often were Charter Acts passed?
- viii) Give an example of a British policy that alarmed the orthodox Indians.
- ix) Name any two organs of Indian government.
- x) Which Fundamental Right protects citizens from discrimination?
- xi) What is India's Central Legislature known as?

Q.8 Answer the following questions in not more than 40 words. (Any Eight) (8×3=24)

- i) What are multi-purpose river valley projects? Give one example.
- ii) Write briefly about regur soil?
- iii) What are biosphere reserves? Explain in three points.
- iv) What is periodisation? Why is it useful?
- v) Why did British build record rooms in their administrative offices?
- vi) Give reasons for the company's hostility towards Tipu Sultan.
- vii) Why did peasants of Bengal revolt against the indigo planters?
- viii) What were the political causes of the revolt of 1857?
- ix) What do you understand by a federal structure of government?
- x) Why has our Constitution allowed special benefits to be given to some sections of population?

SECTION – C

Q.9 Answer the following questions in not more than 100 words. (Any 4) (5×4=20)

- i) Mention some ways of conserving vegetation and wildlife?
- ii) What are the effects of the land revenue settlements introduced by the British?
- iii) What was the economic causes of the revolt of 1857? Name some of the leaders of the revolt of 1857.
- iv) Briefly describe how a bill becomes a law?
- v) Briefly discuss the Fundamental Duties of Indian Citizens.
- vi) What were the consequences of Battle of Buxar?

Q.10 Write any three ways in which resources can be sustained. Identify any two values that are reflected through sustainable development. (3+2)

