

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2018-19

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time : 3 hrs.

Class - VIII

M.M. : 80

Date - 14.09.2018 (Friday)

Name of the student _____ Section _____

Instructions :

- The question paper is divided into three sections.
- Section A (Q. No. 1 to 8) contains 8 questions of 1 mark each.
- Section B (Q. No. 9 to 20) contains 12 questions of 3 marks each.
- Section C (Q. No. 21 to 26) contains 6 questions of 5 marks each.
- Question no. 27 is a map work question carrying 6 marks.

SECTION - A

Give very short answer for the following.

- Q.1 Give two examples of resources that have economic value. (1)
- Q.2 Name two diseases that spread through contaminated drinking water. (1)
- Q.3 What is meant by the growing season of a plant? (1)
- Q.4 Why were trade settlements fortified? (1)
- Q.5 Who were Digambar and Bishnucharan Biswas? (1)
- Q.6 What compulsion did the General Service Enlistment Act impose on the sepoys? (1)
- Q.7 Name two kinds of justice that Indian citizens enjoyed. (1)
- Q.8 When does the speaker of Lok Sabha vote on an issue? (1)

SECTION - B

Answer the following questions.

- Q.9 Explain three methods through which soil erosion can be checked. (3)
- Q.10 Define resource. How can a resource be recycled? (1+2)
- Q.11 What is the aim of CITES? Name four species of animals protected by it. (2+1)
- Q.12 Name any three terms that Indian rulers had to follow by accepting subsidiary alliance. (3)
- Q.13 Which Indian rulers took part in the Battle of Buxar? What were the results of this war? (1+2)
- Q.14 Who were planters? Why did the British want commercial crops to be grown in India? Give any four examples of commercial crops. (1+1+1)
- Q.15 What was the Permanent Settlement and who introduced it in India? (2+1)

- Q.16** How did British policies hurt the social and religious sentiments of the Indians? (1½+1½)
- Q.17** Mention any two situations in which the guarantee does not hold on the right to freedom. (1½+1½)
- Q.18** Who is the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha? Why is he called an ex officio chairman? (1+2=3)
- Q.19** What is a constitution? Who framed India's constitution? When was it implemented in our country? (1+1+1)
- Q.20** What is the preamble? Why does our constitution uphold the ideal of socialism? (1+2)

SECTION - C

Answer the following questions within 100 words.

- Q.21** Briefly describe the Indigo revolts and its outcome in Bengal. (5)

OR

What were the responsibilities of a collector in British India? Which was the most important administrative unit in British India?

- Q.22** How was the policy of divide and rule implemented in the Indian army after the revolt of 1857? (5)

OR

Give five reasons, why the sypoys were discontented.

- Q.23** Mention three ways of saving water and two methods by which water pollution can be checked. (3+2)
- Q.24** Mention any five ways through which natural vegetation and wild life can be protected or conserved. (5)

OR

What causes forest fires? Write two methods to control the spread of fires. (3+2)

- Q.25** Explain five fundamental duties of the Indian citizens. (5)
- Q.26** Mention five differences between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. (5)

OR

Explain in detail how a bill becomes a law.

- Q.27** Locate the following on the given out line map of India. (6)
- i) Place where Mangal Pandey was stationed as a sepoy.
 - ii) From here Kunwar Singh led the revolt.
 - iii) From here Rani Lakshmbai joined the movement.
 - iv) Gir National Park.
 - v) Elephant National Park in Orissa.
 - vi) Kaziranga National Park

