

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2024-25

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time – 3:00 Hrs.

Class – VIII

M.M. : 80

Date – 11.09.2024 (Wednesday)

Name of the student \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- The Question paper contains five sections-Section A, B, C, D and E.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Section-A: Consists of objective type questions, carrying 1 mark.
- Section-B: Consists of questions carrying 2 and 3 marks.
- Section-C: Consists of source based and picture based questions carrying 4 marks.
- Section -D: Consists of Long questions carrying 5 marks. Answer to each question should not exceed 100 words.
- Section-E is map based question, carrying 4 marks. **Map in question no. 11 (i) needs to be removed and attached with the answer sheet.**
- There is overall choice in 3 marks questions. An internal choice has been provided in long questions.

### SECTION- A

**Q1 Choose the correct option from the following. (6x1=6)**

- i) In 1600 the East India Company acquired a charter from the ruler of England, Queen Elizabeth I, granting it \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) rights of exploring the possibilities of trade in the Indian Ocean.  
b) the right to trade duty free.  
c) the sole right to trade with the East.  
d) the right to share the produce with French colonies.
- ii) Tipu Sultan established a close relationship with the \_\_\_\_\_ in India and modernized his army with their help.
- a) Dutch                      b) French                      c) English                      d) Portuguese
- iii) Match the following and choose the correct option.

List I	List II
A. Ryots	i. village
B. Mahal	ii. cultivation on ryots land
C. Nij	iii. peasant
D. Ryoti	iv. cultivation on planters own land

- a) A-i,B-ii,C-iii,D-iv    b) A-iii,B-i,C-iv,D-ii    c) A-ii,B-iii,C-ii,D-iv    d) A-iv,B-ii,C-iii,D-i
- iv) State governments have authority to make rules on subjects of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) Union list                      b) National concern                      c) Neighbouring states                      d) State list
- v) Read the following statements carefully and choose the correct option.
- i) Water is a vital renewable natural resource.



## SECTION B

**Q.6 Answer the following questions in short.**

**(5x2=10)**

- i) What were the areas of conflict between the Bengal nawabs and the East India Company?
- ii) European traders were attracted to India .Give suitable reasons.
- iii) Why were ryots reluctant to grow indigo?
- iv) Write any two rights that the new law of Protection against Domestic Violence helped to achieve for women.
- v) Identify the type of Soil conservation method shown in the given images and write at least one difference between both methods.



A.-----



B.-----

**Q.7 Answer the following questions in 60 to 80 words. (Any six)**

**(6x3=18)**

- i) Which Fundamental Rights will the following situations violate ?
  - a) If a 13-year old child is working in a factory manufacturing carpets. –
  - b) If a politician in one state decides to not allow labourers from other states to work in his state.
  - c) If a group of people are not given permission to open a Telugu-medium school in Kerala.
- ii) Distinguish between renewable and non-renewable resources in three points.
- iii) Water availability per person in India is declining. Give reason. Suggest any 2 ways to conserve water.
- iv) Describe the following features of Indian Constitution in brief.
  - a) Separation of Power
  - b) Federalism
  - c) Parliamentary form of the government
- v) In what ways was the administration of the Company different from that of Indian rulers?
- vi) India is a secular state. Elucidate the statement with the objectives and importance of Secularism.
- vii) With the help of the information given below in the table, answer the following questions.

**Result of the 17<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>543</b>

- a) Which political party will play a role of Opposition party?  
b) Which Party do you think will form the government? Give reason why?

### SECTION C

**Source based.**

**Q.8 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

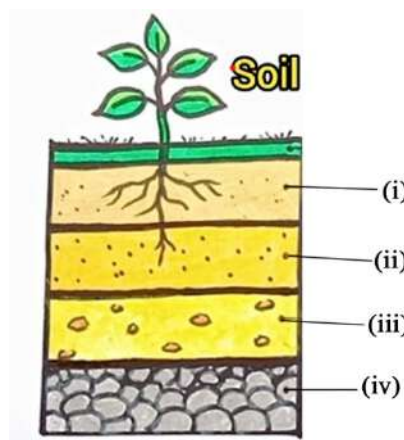
India, as we know, became independent on 15 August 1947. Preceding this was a long and difficult struggle in which many sections of society participated. People from various backgrounds joined the struggle and they were inspired by the ideas of freedom, equality and participation in decision– making. Under colonial rule, the people had lived in fear of the British government and did not agree with many of the decisions that they took. But they faced grave danger if they tried to criticise these decisions. The freedom movement changed this situation. The nationalists began to openly criticise the British government and make demands. As far back as 1885, the Indian National Congress demanded that there be elected members in the legislature with a right to discuss the budget and ask questions. The Government of India Act 1909, allowed for some elected representation. While these early legislatures under the British government were in response to the growing demands of the nationalists, they did not allow for all adults to vote nor could people participate in decision making.

- i) Freedom struggle shows the features of united struggles. Which ideas made the people participate in Freedom struggle? **(1)**
- ii) The legislatures under British did not allow all the adults to vote. Do you agree with this arrangement? What changes were made in voting after Independence in India? **(2)**
- iii) List the demands of the Indian National Congress from the British government. **(1)**

**Picture based question.**

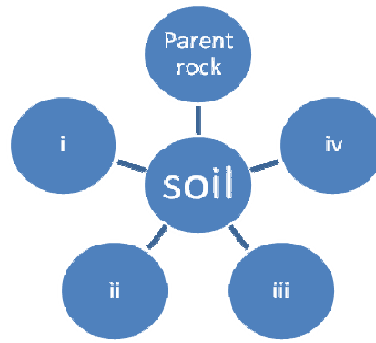
**Q.9 Read the picture carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

- i) Savita was explaining Rita about the Soil profile .Help her by labelling the layers of soil in the following diagram. **(4x½=2)**



ii) Complete the following mind-map of factors of soil formation.

(4x½=2)



**SECTION- D**

**Q.10 Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words.**

**(4x5=20)**

- i) Name any two steps that government has taken to conserve plants and animals. Differentiate between Evergreen and Deciduous forest in three points. (2+3)
- ii) How does the Parliament control, guide and inform the government?

**OR**

Why do we need a Parliament? State two points of differences between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on these points – (a) Election (b) Bill / Motion (3+2)

- iii) Describe the main features of Permanent settlement. Write in two points how is it different from Mahalwari settlement.

**OR**

Explain the system of Subsidiary Alliance and Doctrine of Lapse. (3+2)

- iv) a) How did the forest laws impact the life of tribal people? Write in two points. (2)
- b) What was Birsa Munda's vision of a Golden age? Explain in three points. (3)

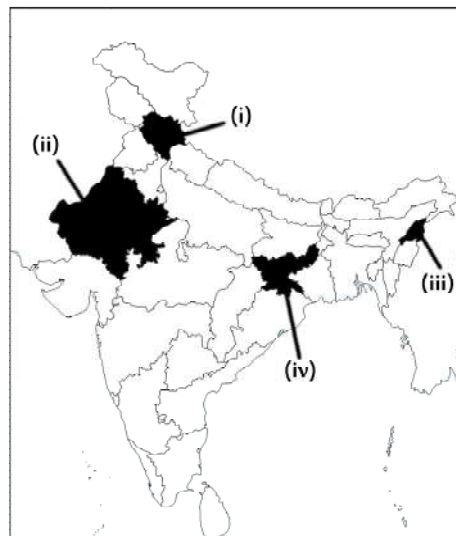
**SECTION- E (Map -based questions)**

**Q.11 MAP SKILL.**

- i) On the given outline Political Map of India, locate the places with the help of the given information. (1x2=2)

- A. The place where Sirajuddaulah was defeated by Robert Clive in 1757.
- B. First Indian State to accept the Subsidiary Alliance.

- ii) Identify any one of the tribes found in the shaded regions/states in the map given below. (4x½=2)



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