

Q7. Which of the following is not a salient feature of our constitution?

- a) federalism b) separation of powers
- c) monarch as Head of the State

Q8. An ordinary bill can be introduced in any

- a) house b) village c) city

Q9. Up to how many members can the Rajya Sabha have?

- a) 277 b) 250 c) 350

Q10. Indian state does not support any

- a) religion b) citizen c) festival

History (30 Marks)

I) Answer the following in very short: (3×2=6)

- A) What do you mean by colonisation?
- B) Why did the santhals revolt?
- C) What do you mean by mercantilism?

II) Answer the following in 60-100 words: (3×4=12)

- A) What were the causes behind the battle of Buxar?
- B) Where did the Munde Rebellion rise and what was it aimed at?
- C) Why are the dates important in history? For which events can we not fix the dates?
- D) On the outline map of India locate the following places of Revolt.
 - i) Meerut (ii) Jhansi (iii) Kanpur

III) Answer the following in 100-120 words (do any two): (5×2=10)

- A) What were the social and economic causes that led to the uprising of 1857?
- B) What were the changes introduced in the judiciary system after the advent of British?
- C) How did changes in forest laws affect the life styles of the tribal?

Geography (20 Marks)

I) Answer the following in 10-20 words: (2×3=6)

- 1) What are the differences between organic and mixed farming?
- 2) Define - (i) drilling (ii) minning
- 3) What do you mean by biotic and abiotic resources? Give examples.

II) Answer the following in 50-60 words. (3×4=12)

- 4) Why are the most of industries develop around the coal mines?
- 5) Differentiate between conventional and non-conventional sources of energy.
- 6) 'Human beings are the most valuable resource of the world', explain.
- 7) Locate the following places on the map of India.
 - (i) Area having desert soil
 - (ii) Mountain soil
 - (iii) Area having mineral Bauxite (Vishakhapatnam)

II) Answer the following in 100-120 words: (5×2=10)

- A) Define various factors that influence the agriculture of a region.
- B) With the help of a diagram describe the different layers of the soil profile.

Civics (24 Marks)

- 1) Why are rules necessary? (2)
- 2) How does the constitution safeguard the interests of the minorities?
- 3) Explain the fundamental right 'Right to Equality'. (3)
- 4) What does Indian secularism guarantee to its citizens. (3)
- 5) What is the difference between Question Hour and Zero Hour? (3)
- 6) What is the importance of Right to Information Act (RTI) and Public Interest Litigation? (3)
- 7) What are the roles of the President and the Prime Minister of India?(5)
- 8) What are the salient features of our constitution? (5)

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UNIT - I

Class - VIII

Paper - S.St.

Time: 3 hrs.

MM: 90

Attempt all the questions in serial order

I) Tick the correct option: (10×1=10)

Q1. The term 'adivasi' means

- a) American citizens b) original inhabitants of land
- c) duplicate inhabitants

Q2. The Battle of Plassey was fought between the British and

- a) Siraj-ud-dulah b) Mir Qasim c) Murshid Quli Khan

Q3. Shimla was the _____ capital of the British.

- a) Winter b) Summer c) Autumn

Q4. Which of the following is a renewable resource?

- a) coal b) water c) petroleum

Q5. These areas have the highest density of population

- a) mountains b) plateaus c) plains

Q6. 'Slash and burn cultivation' is a form of

- a) organic farming b) inorganic farming c) shifting cultivation