

**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