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Class VIII
Annual Examination (2023-24)
History and Social Political Life
Set B2


Total Time: 2.5 Hours

Maximum marks:30

General Instructions:

1. The Question paper consists of 8 printed pages.
2. The Question Paper is divided into five sections-Section A, Section B, Section C, Section D and Section E.
- 3.The question paper has 15 questions in all.
4. All questions are compulsory.
5. Section A from Q1 to Q9 questions carry 1 mark each.
6. Section B from Q10 to Q11 are very short answer type questions of 3 marks each.
7. Section C Q12 is a case study-based question, carrying 3 marks.
8. Section D from Q13 & Q14 are long answer questions carrying 5 marks each.
9. Section E Q15 is a History Map Question carrying 2 marks.
10. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in a few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions has to be attempted.
11. In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

Section A		1x9=9
Very Short Answer Questions		
Q1.	In the Northwestern Provinces of the Bengal Presidency (most of this area is now in Uttar Pradesh), an Englishman called Holt Mackenzie devised the new system which came into effect in 1822. A. Permanent Settlement B. Ryotwari Settlement C. Mahalwari Settlement. D. The Munro System	1

<p>Q2.</p>	<p>Read the given story board and mention the function or purpose that a Constitution serves in India.</p> <p>1</p>  <p>Suresh is the class monitor. He is a bully. His classmates are not too fond of him. Mrs Rao, the class teacher, has to leave the classroom on some urgent work. She asks Suresh to mind the class. Suresh starts picking on Anil.</p> <p>When Mrs Rao returns to the class ...</p> <p>Anil, today I am going to report you to Mrs Rao.</p> <p>But what have I done?</p> <p>Ma'am, while you were away, Anil kept talking loudly and disturbing the class. He would not listen to me.</p> <p>Anil, you will have to stay back after school today and write 'I will not disobey the class monitor' a 100 times.</p> <p>But ... Ma'am ... I did not do anything!</p>
<p>Q3.</p>	<p>Two statements are given in the question below as Assertion (A) and Reasoning (R). Read the statements and choose the appropriate option.</p> <p>Assertion: The revenues from India could finance Company expenses. These revenues could be used to purchase cotton and silk textiles in India, maintain Company troops, and meet the cost of building the Company fort and offices at Calcutta.</p> <p>Reason: In 1765 the Mughal emperor appointed the Company as the Diwan of the provinces of Bengal</p> <p>Options:</p> <p>A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. C. A is true, but R is false. D. A is false, but R is true</p>
<p>Q4.</p>	<p>Based on the information given, identify who the Social Reformer is?</p> <p>i. He claimed that before Aryan rule, there existed a golden age when warrior-peasants tilled the land and ruled the Maratha countryside in just and fair ways.</p> <p>ii. He proposed that Shudras and Ati Shudras should unite to challenge caste discrimination.</p> <p>iii. The Satyashodhak Samaj, that he founded, propagated caste equality.</p> <p>1</p>

	<p>iv. He wrote a book named Gulamgiri, meaning slavery and dedicated his book to all those Americans who had fought to free slaves, thus establishing a link between the conditions of the “lower” castes in India and the black slaves in America.</p> <p>Options: A. Shri Narayana Guru B. Jyotirao Phule C. E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker or Periyar D. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar</p>	
Q5.	<p>Often times in the recent past it has been difficult for a single political party to get the majority that is required to form the government. They then join together with different political parties who are interested in similar concerns to form what is known as a:</p> <p>A. Minority Government B. Majority Government C. Coalition Government D. Provisional Government</p>	1
Q6.	<p>The Opposition parties play a critical role in the healthy functioning of a democracy.</p> <p>Options: I. They highlight drawbacks in various policies and programmes of the government II. Ask questions to the government whereby they are alerted to their shortcomings. III. Appoint ministers to work with the Prime Minister to implement decisions who then take charge of different areas of government functioning like health, education, finance. IV. Mobilize popular support for their own policies.</p> <p>Consider the following statements on the role of the opposition and select the answer using the codes given below:</p> <p>Options: A. I, II, III and IV B. II & III only C. II, III & IV D. I, II & IV</p>	1
Q7.	<p>Moving away from British classification, historians have usually divided Indian history into ‘ancient’, ‘medieval’ and ‘modern’. This division too has its problems.</p>	1

	<p>I. It is a periodization that is borrowed from the West where the modern period was associated with the growth of all the forces of modernity – science, reason, democracy, liberty and equality.</p> <p>II. Medieval was a term used to describe a society where these features of modern society did not exist.</p> <p>III. Under the British rule people did not have equality, freedom or liberty.</p> <p>IV. Nor was the period one of economic growth and progress.</p> <p>Options:</p> <p>A. I, II, III and IV</p> <p>B. II & III only</p> <p>C. II, III & IV</p> <p>D. I, III & IV</p>	
Q8.	<p>Based on the information given, identify who the person is?</p> <p>i. He was the adopted son of the late Peshwa Baji Rao who lived near Kanpur</p> <p>ii. He gathered armed forces and expelled the British garrison from the city</p> <p>iii. He proclaimed himself Peshwa.</p> <p>iv. He declared that he was a governor under Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar.</p> <p>Options:</p> <p>A. Birjis Qadr</p> <p>B. Tantia Tope</p> <p>C. Kunwar Singh</p> <p>D. Nana Saheb</p>	1
Q9.	<p>Two statements are given in the question below as Assertion (A) and Reasoning (R). Read the statements and choose the appropriate option.</p> <p>Assertion: Adivasi societies are radically different from communities organized around principles of jati-varna (caste) or those that were ruled by kings.</p> <p>Reason: Adivasi societies are also most distinctive because there is often much hierarchy among them.</p> <p>Options:</p> <p>A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A</p> <p>B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>C. A is true, but R is false.</p> <p>D. A is false, but R is true</p>	1

<p>Q14.</p>	<p>“It has often been said that the Congress in the first twenty years was “moderate” in its objectives and methods.” Draw and complete the following table highlighting how the politics of the Radicals was different from that of the Moderates.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="345 405 1276 688"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="345 405 678 485">BASIS OF DIFFERENCE</th> <th data-bbox="678 405 997 485">Moderates</th> <th data-bbox="997 405 1276 485">Extremists</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 485 678 527">1.AIM</td> <td data-bbox="678 485 997 527"></td> <td data-bbox="997 485 1276 527"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 527 678 569">2.IDEOLOGY</td> <td data-bbox="678 527 997 569"></td> <td data-bbox="997 527 1276 569"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 569 678 611">3.METHODOLOGY</td> <td data-bbox="678 569 997 611"></td> <td data-bbox="997 569 1276 611"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 611 678 653">4.DEMANDS</td> <td data-bbox="678 611 997 653"></td> <td data-bbox="997 611 1276 653"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="345 653 678 688">5.LEADERS</td> <td data-bbox="678 653 997 688"></td> <td data-bbox="997 653 1276 688"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Why did Gandhiji chose to break the Salt Law? Briefly explain the Salt March undertaken by Gandhiji.</p>	BASIS OF DIFFERENCE	Moderates	Extremists	1.AIM			2.IDEOLOGY			3.METHODOLOGY			4.DEMANDS			5.LEADERS			<p>5</p> <p>1+4=5</p>
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<p>Section E</p> <p>Map Skill Based Question</p>		<p>1x2=2</p>
<p>Q15.</p>	<p>A. Locate and Label the place where the sepoy of the regiment refused to do the army drill using the new cartridges- MEERUT</p> <p>B. Identify and Label the place where the peasants struggled against the Indigo plantation system</p>	<p>2</p>

