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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION- 2019-'20
SOCIAL SCIENCE-SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

ISAM/FR/MDL/QP/02

Class: VIII

Date:

Max. Marks: 80

Time: 3 Hours

General Instructions:

- * There are 39 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- * The questions and serial No 27,28,29,30,31,33,35, and 36 have INTERNAL CHOICE. Attempt any one option given in each of these questions.
- * The question paper is divided into five sections.
- * Section A- Questions from serial number 1 to 20 are 1 mark questions.
- * Section B- Questions from serial number 21 to 25 are 2 mark questions.
- * Section C- Questions from serial number 26 to 34 are 3 mark questions.
- * Section D- Questions from serial number 35 to 38 are 5 mark questions.
- * Section E- Map skill-Questions number 39 is a map question of 3 marks, after the completion attach with the main sheet.

SECTION A

I. Choose the correct option:

1. Which of these is a tertiary activity? 1
(a) manufacturing wool (b) selling grocery (c) agriculture (d) none of these
2. Horticulture means:
(a) growing of fruits and vegetables (b) primitive farming (c) growing of wheat (d) growing of fish
3. Which one was not a trading company? 1
(a) The Portuguese (b) The Dutch (c) The French (d) The Japanese
4. The father of Indian Constitution is: 1
(a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Dr. Rajendra Prasad (c) Dr.B.R.Ambedkar (d) Jawaharlal Nehru
5. The British who did the Company's army against Sirajuddaulah at Plassey was 1
(a) Robert Clive (b) Lord Dalhousie (c) Warren Hastings (d) Lord Bentinck
6. Which of these countries is mainly covered with forest land? 1
(a) India (b) Brazil (c) USA (d) none of these
7. Which one of the following does not make a substance a resource?
(a) utility (b) value (c) worth (d) quantity
8. The Mahalwari System was devised by: 1
(a) Charles Cornwallis (b) Robert Clive (c) Holt Mackenzie (d) James Mill 1
9. One-third of the population was wiped out from Bengal because:

(a) a terrible famine occurred there (b) a civil war broke out (c) an epidemic broke out (d) none of these

10. Which one of the following is not a key feature of the Indian Constitution?

(a) Federalism (b) Presidential form of Government (c) Secularism (d) Separation of Power

II. Fill in the blanks:

11. A business enterprise that makes profit primarily through trade, buying goods cheap and selling them at higher price _____

12. Soil becomes fertile due to the right mix of _____ and _____.
Wind mills generate _____ energy and creates _____ resource.

13. The demand for indigo increased in late eighteenth century Britain because of _____

14. In 1934, the Indian National Congress made the demand for a _____

15. The British declares that forests were _____ property.

III. Name the following:

16. A person who is controlled by someone else _____

17. The social programme of planting trees, organized at community level. _____

18. Worth of a substance assessed on the basis of utility.

19. Other name of foreigners. _____

20. When soldiers together begin to disobey their officers in the army. _____

SECTION B

IV. Answer the following questions: (Minimum 2 to 3 points)

21. Who explored India?

22. What is democracy?

23. What is secularism?

24. What do you mean by resource?

25. What do you mean by community land?

SECTION C

V. Answer the following questions: (Minimum 3 to 4 points)

26. Describe the Doctrine of lapse?

27. What is parliament? Or What are the main functions of parliament?

28. Differentiate between Potencial resource and actual resource?

Or

What is resource conservation?

29. Write about variety of activities of the tribal people in different parts of India?

Or

Why was Birsa movement significant?

30. What was the role of Mangal pandey in the revolt of 1857??

Or

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Under which circumstances did the company annex Awadh?

31. How are Fundamental Rights important?

Or

Explain the key features of Indian constitution?

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32. How are human-made resources different from natural resources?.

33. Which are the two main climatic factors responsible for soil formation?

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Or

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Suggest three ways to conserve water.

34. Why were the powers of the East India Company transferred to the British Crown?

SECTION D

Answer in detail:(5 to 6 points)

35. What role do citizen play in the evolution of new laws?

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Or

What you mean by Rule of law?

36. Why is water an important resource? **Or** What are the causes of water pollution?

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37. Distinguish between Mahalwari system and permanent settlement?

5

38. What are the causes of 1857 revolt?

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SECTION E

VI. Map skill:

39. Locate and label ANY THREE of the following important centers of 1857 revolt on the given outline map of India. 3

(a) Lucknow (b) Meerut (c) Barrackpur (d) kota (e) Jhansi

