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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION- 2019-'20

SOCIAL SCIENCE-SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

ISAM/FR/MDL/QP/02

Class: VIII

Max. Marks: 80

Date:

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? 1
(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
9. One-third of the population was wiped out from Bengal because: 1

(a) a terrible famine occurred there (b) a civil war broke out (c) an epidemic broke out (d) none of these 1

10. Which one of the following is not a key feature of the Indian Constitution? 1

(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 _____ 1

12. Soil becomes fertile due to the right mix of _____ and _____. Wind mills generate _____ energy and creates _____ resource. 1

13. The demand for indigo increased in late eighteenth century Britain because of _____ 1

14. In 1934, the Indian National Congress made the demand for a _____ 1

15. The British declares that forests were _____ property. 1

III. Name the following:

16. A person who is controlled by someone else _____ 1

17. The social programme of planting trees, organized at community level. _____ 1

18. Worth of a substance assessed on the basis of utility. 1

19. Other name of foreigners. _____ 1

20. When soldiers together begin to disobey their officers in the army. _____ 1

SECTION B

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

21. Who explored India? 2

22. What is democracy? 2

23. What is secularism? 2

24. What do you mean by resource? 2

25. What do you mean by community land? 2

SECTION C

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

26. Describe the Doctrine of lapse? 3

27. What is parliament? Or What are the main functions of parliament? 3

28. Differentiate between Potential resource and actual resource? 3
Or
What is resource conservation?

29. Write about variety of activities of the tribal people in different parts of India? 3
Or
Why was Birsa movement significant?

30. What was the role of Mangal Pandey in the revolt of 1857?? 3

Under which circumstances did the company annex Awadh?

31. How are Fundamental Rights important?

Or

Explain the key features of Indian constitution?

3

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

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

3

Or

Suggest three ways to conserve water.

3

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?

5

Or

What you mean by Rule of law?

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

5

37. Distinguish between Mahalwari system and permanent settlement?

5

38. What are the causes of 1857 revolt?

5

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

