

**2020**  
**CLASS - VIII**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Total marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions :**

- i) The question paper consists of five (5) categories of questions.  
 ii) General choice has been provided in 3 marks and 4 marks questions.  
 iii) Alternate question for the visually impaired students are provided in question no.5b. **Only the visually impaired students has to attempt that alternate question.**  
 iv) Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.

**N.B: Check that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.**

**1. Choose the correct answer from the given alternatives:**

- (a) The cartridges were greased with **1**  
 (i) pig's fat (ii) cow's fat  
 (iii) hen's fat (iv) only (i) and (ii)
- (b) General Havelock defeated **1**  
 (i) Tantia Tope (ii) Nana Saheb  
 (iii) Bahadur Shah (iv) Rani Lakshmi Bai
- (c) The Panchsheel Agreement is between India and **1**  
 (i) Bhutan (ii) Sri Lanka  
 (iii) China (iv) Tibet
- (d) The Treaty signed between India and Pakistan in 1960 is called **1**  
 (i) Indus Water Treaty (ii) Panchsheel Treaty  
 (iii) Good Relation Treaty (iv) Samjhauta Treaty
- (e) The point of origin of earthquake in the interior of the earth is **1**  
 (i) epicentre (ii) seismic centre  
 (iii) seismic waves (iv) focus
- (f) Biological disaster is referred as 'poor man \_\_\_\_\_ bomb'. **1**  
 (i) hydrogen (ii) nitrogen  
 (iii) nuclear (iv) atom
- (g) In which of the following cities is the Supreme Court of India located? **1**  
 (i) Mumbai (ii) New Delhi  
 (iii) Kolkata (iv) Chennai
- (h) The law and order in the public is maintained by the **1**  
 (i) police and court (ii) criminal  
 (iii) public prosecutor (iv) judge

- (i) A judge of the High Court retires at the age of **1**  
(i) 86 years (ii) 72 years  
(iii) 68 years (iv) 62 years
- (j) The full form of FIR is **1**  
(i) First Information Report (ii) First Investigation Report  
(iii) First Information Rescue (iv) Final Investigation Report

**2.a. State whether the following statements are true or false : 1x6=6**

- (i) Man cannot create disasters. (1)  
(ii) Cyclones can occur in any area. (1)  
(iii) Floods only cause negative effects. (1)  
(iv) There is a Chief Justice and 25 other judges in the Supreme Court at present. (1)  
(v) Indian judiciary has a single unified judicial system. (1)  
(vi) Subordinate courts can only try criminal case. (1)

**b. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence not exceeding 15 words: 1x6=6**

- (i) List two main centres of the Revolt of 1857. (1)  
(ii) Mention any two factors affecting agriculture. (1)  
(iii) Which country is the largest producer of coffee? (1)  
(iv) What are floods? (1)  
(v) What are weather-associated disasters? (1)  
(vi) Who is a Public Prosecutor? (1)

**3. Answer the questions in about 20-30 words: 2x10=20**

- (i) What is mercantilism? (2)  
(ii) When and why did the British Parliament pass the regulating Act? (2)  
(iii) Mention the causes of the Revolt of 1857. (2)  
(iv) Write any two results of the Revolt of 1857. (2)  
(v) Write four problems women faced during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (2)

- (vi) Mention any two causes of introducing the New Education System. (2)
- (vii) List four evils of the caste system. (2)
- (viii) Why is English continuing as an additional language in India? (2)
- (ix) What is the common problem that India and Myanmar have? How do they tackle it ? (1+1=2)
- (x) Define agriculture. (2)

4. **Answer any six questions in about 35-45 words. 3x6=18**

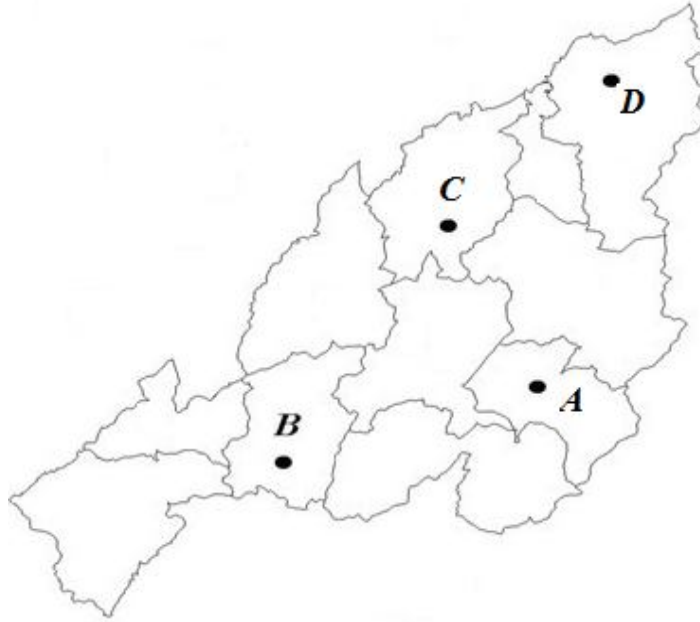
- (i) What led to the Battle of Plassey? What were its results? (1+2=3)
- (ii) Briefly explain annexation by the Subsidiary Alliance System. (3)
- (iii) List any three provisions of the Pitt's Act. (3)
- (iv) Write a short note on Civil Services by the British. (3)
- (v) Briefly explain any two types of industries based on the raw materials they use. (3)
- (vi) Explain the terms manufacturing and industry. (3)
- (vii) What is meant by the terms – Secular, Socialist and Republic? (3)
- (viii) Mention three steps taken by the government to reduce unemployment. (3)

5.a. **Answer any four questions in about 50-70 words. 4x4=16**

- (i) Give four reasons why the Indian states were easily defeated by the British. (4)
- (ii) What was the Doctrine of Lapse? Which kingdoms were annexed under it? (2+2=4)
- (iii) Mention any four objectives of the British administrative policy in India. (4)
- (iv) Distinguish between public sector and joint sector industries. (4)
- (v) Enumerate the various Fundamental Rights given in the Indian Constitution. (4)
- (vi) Explain any two measures taken to control price-rise. (4)

5.b. On the given political map of Nagaland, four features A, B, C, D have been indicated. Identify these features with the help of the information mentioned below and write their correct names against their letters. 4

- i) Kohima
- ii) Mokokchung
- iii) Mon
- iv) Kiphire



**Note : This question is in lieu of Q5.b. for visually impaired candidates only.**

Match the columns :

(4)

**Column A**

- i) Prairies
- ii) Downs
- iii) Pampas
- iv) Steppes

**Column B**

- a) Grasslands of Australia
- b) Grasslands of Argentina
- c) Grasslands of Kazakhstan
- d) Grasslands of North America
- e) 27° - 30° C

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