

**2021**  
**CLASS – VIII (Phase-1)**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Total marks : 40

Time : 1½ hours

**General instructions :**

- i) *Approximately 10 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *The question paper consists of five (5) categories of questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- iii) *General choice has been provided in 3 marks and 4 marks questions.*
- iv) *Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.*

***N.B: Check to ensure 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 Battle of Plassey was fought in the year **1**
  - (i) 1750
  - (ii) 1756
  - (iii) 1757
  - (iv) 1758
  
- (b) Nana Fadnavis was an able Maratha **1**
  - (i) leader
  - (ii) accountant
  - (iii) king
  - (iv) minister
  
- (c) The highest position held by an Indian in the Colonial Army was of a **1**
  - (i) Tehsildar
  - (ii) Thanedar
  - (iii) Mansobdar
  - (iv) Subedar
  
- (d) The railway line between Thane and Bombay was inaugurated in the year **1**
  - (i) 1852
  - (ii) 1853
  - (iii) 1854
  - (iv) 1855
  
- (e) A judge of the Supreme Court can be impeached by an order of the **1**
  - (i) President
  - (ii) Prime Minister
  - (iii) Chief Justice
  - (iv) Parliament

**2.a. State whether the following statements are true or false : **1x3=3****

- (i) Warren Hastings became the Governor General of India. **(1)**
  
- (ii) Bombay (Mumbai) is the capital of West Bengal. **(1)**
  
- (iii) The term 'textile' means woven fabric. **(1)**

- b. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence not exceeding 15 words:** **1x3=3**
- (i) Name any two regions that got deurbanized. (1)
  - (ii) Name two major fibre crops grown in the world. (1)
  - (iii) Write the full form of FIR. (1)
- 3. Answer the questions in about 20-30 words:** **2x6=12**
- (i) What was the Mahalwari System? (2)
  - (ii) List two factors which led to the decline of Indian handicrafts in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (2)
  - (iii) Write a short note on intensive farming. (2)
  - (iv) Define the term industry. (2)
  - (v) What is Constitution? (2)
  - (vi) Why are Fundamental Rights important for us? (2)
- 4. Answer any three questions in about 35-45 words.** **3x3=9**
- (i) What was the Doctrine of Lapse? Which kingdoms were annexed under it? (2+1=3)
  - (ii) List any two provisions of the Pitt's Act. (3)
  - (iii) Distinguish between Subsistence farming and Commercial farming. (3)
  - (iv) Write about the Right Against Exploitation. (3)
- 5. Answer any two questions in about 50-70 words.** **4x2=8**
- (i) Mention any two main provisions of the Regulating Act 1773. (4)
  - (ii) Explain the Permanent Settlement System. (4)
  - (iii) What were the causes of the failure of the Revolt of 1857? (4)

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