

CBSE
Class VIII Social Science
Term 1
Sample Paper – 2

Time: 2½ hours**Total Marks: 75****General Instructions:**

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Marks for each question are indicated against the question.
- (iii) In each section, questions from serial number **1 to 5 are multiple choice questions** (MCQs) of **1 mark each**. Every MCQ is provided with four alternatives. Write the correct alternative in your answer book.
- (iv) Questions from serial number **6 to 10 are 2 mark questions**.
- (v) Questions **11 and 12** are for **3 marks**, whereas serial number **13** is a **4 mark question**.

SECTION A
History

Question 1 – What is the principal source of Indian historiography? [1]

- a) Official records of British administration
- b) Travelers' accounts
- c) Legends
- d) Newspapers

Question 2 – Those who specialize in the art of beautiful writing are called [1]

- a) Cartographers
- b) Calligraphists
- c) Archeologists
- d) Linguists

Question 3 – When was the first English factory set up in India? [1]

- a) 1651
- b) 1653
- c) 1455
- d) 1551

Question 4 – In British revenue records, a revenue estate consisting of either a village or a group of villages was called [1]

- a) Mahal
- b) Ryot
- c) Baluta
- d) None of the above

Question 5 – In the year 1824, the Company sepoys were ordered to travel by sea to which country? [1]

- a) Burma
- b) Indonesia
- c) South Africa
- d) Cylon

Question 6 – In which decade was the National Archives of India established in Delhi? [2]

Question 7 – Who was seen as the natural leader of the 1857 rebellion? Why? [2]

Question 8 – Who are calligraphists and what role did they play in the preservation of records during British rule? [2]

Question 9 – In which region was the *mahalwari* settlement in operation? Who devised it? [2]

Question 10 – Which tribal community lived in the forests of Orissa, hunting wild animals and living off forest produce? [2]

Question 11 – When and where was the decision to shift the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi announced? [3]

Question 12 – Explain in brief the recapture of Delhi by the British. [3]

Option 13 - Explain the reasons behind the dissatisfaction of the Company sepoys with the Company administration. [4]

SECTION B

Civics

Question 1 – The Constitution tells us about the fundamental nature of _____. [1]

- a) Our nation
- b) Our society
- c) Our communities
- d) Our people

Question 2 – What protects the people of the country against the power of the State as well as against the tyranny of the majority? [1]

- a) Fundamental Rights
- b) Fundamental Duties
- c) Directive Principles of State Policy
- d) All of the above

Question 3 – In which year were elections to the Lok Sabha not held in Punjab? [1]

- a) 1976
- b) 1980
- c) 1984
- d) 1988

Question 4 – The most important provision in the Constitution is that [1]

- a) All the citizens have equal opportunity for employment.
- b) All the citizens have the Right to Life.
- c) All the citizens are equal before the law.
- d) All of the above.

Question 5 – The judiciary system provides a mechanism for resolving disputes between [1]

- a) Citizens
- b) Citizens and the government
- c) Governments of two or more states
- d) All of the above

Question 6 – Define ‘tyranny’. [2]

Question 7 – What was the Indian National Movement? [2]

Question 8 – What do you mean by the freedom to interpret? [2]

Question 9 – How does the Indian Constitution ensure its objectives of a secular state? [2]

Question 10 – What is the principle of the Universal Adult Franchise? [2]

Question 11 – Whose role is important in helping the Parliament frame laws? [3]

Question 12 – Define the following terms: [3]

- a) Appeal
- b) Violation
- c) Acquit
- d) Eviction

Question 13 - 'The Indian Constitution provides independence of the judiciary'. Explain the statement with a suitable example. [4]

SECTION C

Geography

Question 1 - Name two factors that can change substances into resources? [1]

- a) Machine and Raw material
- b) Minerals and forests
- c) Time and technology
- d) None of the above

Question 2 – What kind of resource is iron ore? [1]

- a) Renewable
- b) Localized
- c) Biotic
- d) Potential

Question 3 - Which factors help in the formation of soil? [1]

- a) Role of organic material
- b) Time
- c) Nature of parent rock
- d) All of the above

Question 4 - Which type of natural vegetation does not shed its leaves simultaneously in any season? [1]

- a) Evergreen
- b) Deciduous
- c) Tundra
- d) Temperate

Question 5 - Black gold is another name for _____. [1]

- a) Coal
- b) Silver
- c) Petroleum
- d) Tar

Question 6 - Why are resources important to us? [2]

Question 7 - Resources can become economically valuable with time. Explain. [2]

Question 8 - What are the major threats to the environment due to expansion of agriculture and constructional activities [2]

Question 9 - What are landslides? [2]

Question 10 - What do you mean by shaft mining? [2]

Question 11 - Why do we need to use non-conventional sources energy? [3]

Question 12 - 'Water is a renewable resource as it moves within the hydrological cycle'. Explain the statement. [3]

Option 13 - Give the distribution of iron ore, bauxite, copper and limestone in India. [4]