

ICSE Board
Class IX History & Civics
Sample Paper - 1

Time: 2 hrs

Total Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
2. You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes.
This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
3. The time given at the head of the paper is the time allotted for writing the answers.
4. Attempt **all** questions from Part I (compulsory) and **two** questions from **Section A** and **three** questions from **Section B** of Part II.
5. The intended marks of questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

PART - I (30 Marks)

Question 1

- a) Why is our Constitution also referred to as the Fundamental Law of the Land? [1]
- b) When did India become a Sovereign State? [1]
- c) Define a unitary form of government. [1]
- d) Which date is referred to as the Date of Commencement of the New Constitution? [1]
- e) What is meant by Fundamental Rights? [1]
- f) In which part of the Indian Constitution are the Directive Principles of State Policy laid down? [1]
- g) Name the courts that are competent to issue writs.
- h) What do you understand by the term 'Charter'? [1]
- i) Name the fundamental right that was deleted from the list. [1]
- j) State any one point of difference between an all India party and a Regional party. [1]

Question 2

- a) Why is the Indus Valley civilisation also known as the 'Harappan civilisation'? [2]
- b) Explain briefly what Sama Veda is. [2]
- c) To which countries did Ashoka send preachers of Buddhism? [2]
- d) What are the three types of inscriptions that provide information about the reign of the Cholas? [2]
- e) When was the printing press set up in Europe for the first time? Where and by whom was it set up? [2]
- f) What is the Industrial Revolution? [2]
- g) Explain the position of the Diwan and the Mir Bakshi in the Mughal administration. [2]
- h) Name the five successive dynasties that ruled during the time of the Delhi sultanate. [2]

- i) Which is the oldest existing book of Tamil grammar? Who was its writer? [2]
j) What subjects were taught at Nalanda University? [2]

PART II

Attempt any **two** questions from **Section A** and **three** questions from **Section B**.

SECTION A
CIVICS

Question 3

With respect to the Panchayat Samiti, answer the following questions:

- a) Composition of Panchayat Samiti [4]
b) Its functions [3]
c) Its sources of income [3]

Question 4

With reference to the powers and functions of the Election Commission, answer the following:

- a) Preparation of the Electoral Roll and Photo Identity Cards [4]
b) Registration and recognition of Political Parties. [3]
c) Fixing the Date and Conducting of Elections. [3]

Question 5

Explain the meaning of the following terms:

- a) Liberty [3]
b) Fraternity [4]
c) Equality [3]

SECTION B
HISTORY

Question 6

With regards to Vedic literature, answer the following questions:

- a) In what two chronological groups can we divide the Vedic texts? [3]
- b) Explain what are Shruti and Smriti. [3]
- c) What is the Rig Veda? [4]

Question 7

With regards to the politics of the period of Reformation, answer the following:

- a) How did the rivalry between the Church and the royalty manifest itself in France and England? [3]
- b) Why did the Church order the expulsion of Professor John Wycliffe of the Oxford University? [3]
- c) What was the immediate cause of the Reformation movement? [4]

Question 8

With reference to the Chola kingdom in South India, answer the following:

- a) What were the characteristic features of the provincial government of the Chola kingdom? [3]
- b) Explain the territorial expansion achieved by Rajaraja I. [4]
- c) Explain the circumstances which led to the final fall of the Chola kingdom. [3]

Question 9

With reference to the archaeological remains of the Mauryan Empire, answer the following:



- a) Identify the monument in the picture and explain the peculiarities of its architectural design. [3]
- b) Explain the importance of edicts from Ashoka's reign. [3]
- c) Briefly elaborate on the Sanchi stupa. [4]

Question 10

With reference to the literature of the Sangam period, answer the following:

- a) Explain the phenomenon of poems as a literary source of the Sangam Age. [3]
- b) Write a short note on Tolkappiyam. [4]
- c) Which epic is considered as the earliest and greatest of the epics of the Sangam Age? Why? [3]