

**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) In which part of the Indian Constitution are the Directive Principles of State Policy laid down? [1]
- b) What is a political party? [1]
- c) Who is entitled to become a Voter in India? [1]
- d) What is the Municipal Corporation composed of? [1]
- e) Which article states the eleven duties of a citizen? [1]
- f) What is the term of the office of the Panchayati Raj? [1]
- g) Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly? [1]
- h) How many types of elections are there in India? Name them. [1]
- i) Name the courts that are competent to issue writs. [1]
- j) What was added to the Preamble by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976? [1]

**Question 2**

- a) What were the Crusades? [2]
- b) When did the First Battle of Panipat take place? Which forces fought in it? [2]
- c) Who was the minister in charge of the army under the Sultanate? What were his responsibilities? [2]
- d) What is *Dharmachakrapravartana*? [2]
- e) During which Gupta king's reign did the Hunas attack India for the first time? Which Gupta king handed them a crushing defeat later on? [2]
- f) What is the most important manuscript produced during the Mughal period? [2]
- g) How did the Renaissance artists portray humans in their works of art? [2]
- h) What is arguably the most significant impact of the Industrial Revolution? [2]
- i) Where did the loyalties of the German states lie in the context of the German protestant movement? [2]
- j) Define Socialism. [2]

**PART II**

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

**SECTION A****CIVICS****Question 3**

Describe the role of political parties under the following headlines:

- a) Bringing together all sections of people. [3]
- b) Role as an Opposition. [3]
- c) Providing a link between the government and the people. [4]

**Question 4**

With respect to the Municipal Corporation, answer the following questions:

- a) Its Composition. [4]
- b) Functions of the Mayor. [3]
- c) Functions of the Municipal Commissioner. [3]

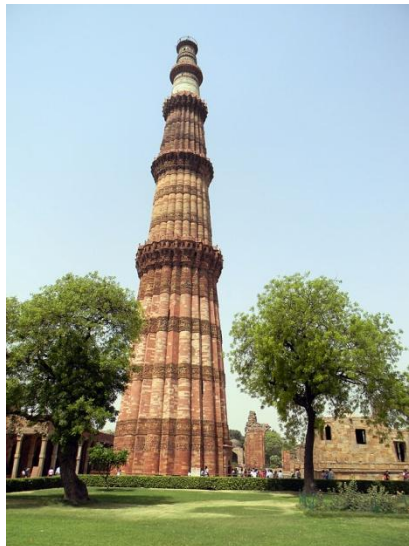
**Question 5**

With respect to the Fundamental Rights, answer the following questions:

- a) State their importance. [4]
- b) Why are they not absolute? [3]
- c) When can they be restricted or suspended? [3]

**SECTION B**  
**HISTORY****Question 6**

With reference to the Delhi Sultanate era, answer the following:



- a) Identify the structure in the above picture and briefly explain the architectural style the Turks brought to India. [4]
- b) Why 'Prithvirajraso' is not considered a strictly historical document? [3]
- c) Write a short note on 'Tarikh-i-Firozshahi'. [3]

**Question 7**

The establishment of the Delhi Sultanate marked the beginning of the development of a composite, Indo-Islamic culture in India. In the context of this statement, answer the following:

- a) What do we mean by the term 'Indo-Islamic culture'? [3]
- b) What are the two phases of the growth of composite culture in India? [3]
- c) What are the factors responsible for the growth of a composite culture during the Mughal period? [4]

**Question 8**

In the context of the Industrial Revolution and its technological and economic repercussions, answer the following:

- a) Briefly state any four causes of the Industrial Revolution. [4]
- b) Describe the etymology of the word 'investment'. [3]
- c) What were the benefits and drawbacks of the 'Spinning Jenny'? [3]

**Question 9**

The knowledge of the Harappan civilisation forms the basis of our understanding of Human civilisation in general, and Indian culture in particular. In the light of this statement, answer the following:

- a) Explain the events that led to the discovery of the Harappan civilisation. [4]
- b) What paradigm changing shift did the discovery of the Indus valley civilisation bring in the conceptualisation of Indian history? [3]
- c) Elaborate on the remains of the Great Bath. [3]

**Question 10**

The Mughal period remains one of the most culturally rich periods of medieval Indian history. In this context, answer the following:

- a) Write a short note on 'Ain-i-Akbari'. [4]
- b) Briefly state the architectural influences on the monuments of Fatehpur Sikri. [3]
- c) Who built the Agra fort? What is the distinctive feature of the monuments found in the fort? [3]