

ICSE Board
Class VI History & Civics
Sample Paper - 2

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 (History)** and from **Part II (Civics)**.
5. The intended marks of questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

PART - I: History**Question 1**

Fill in the Blanks:

[10]

- a) Indika was the account of the _____ period written by Megasthenes.
- b) _____ was the founder of the Sunga dynasty.
- c) The Harappans traded with countries such as Mesopotamia, Persia and _____.
- d) The _____ are considered to be the fountainhead or the original source of Hindu philosophy.
- e) In ancient Rome, the most popular sport was the fight of the _____.
- f) In the 5th Century BCE, the _____ attacked Greece.
- g) The suggestion that humans had evolved from apes was first put forward by _____.
- h) The _____ proved to be the turning point of Buddha's life.
- i) _____ are royal commands issued by the rulers.
- j) The _____ is a mythological figure with the body of a lion and the head of a man.

Question 2

Match the following:

[10]

Column A	Column B
(a) BCE	(1) Regarded as two-thirds god and one-third human
(b) Valley of Tomb of Kings	(2) Chinese architecture
(c) Iron Age	(3) Mycenaeans
(d) Citadel	(4) Golden City
(e) Gilgamesh	(5) World Heritage Site
(f) Pagodas	(6) Shakuntalam
(g) Kanchipuram	(7) Before Common Era
(h) Kalidasa	(8) Magadha
(i) Trojan War	(9) Developed cities and states
(j) Bimbisara	(10) Harappan cities

Question 3

Choose the correct answer:

[10]

(a) The hieroglyphic script is also called

- i. Blazed writing
- ii. Sacred writing
- iii. Cursed writing
- iv. Holy writing

(b) The Allahabad pillar inscription was written by Samudragupta's court poet

- i. Shudraka
- ii. Vasantasena
- iii. Chandrasena
- iv. Harisena

(c) How many mahajanapadas are mentioned in the Buddhist, Jain and Vedic literature of the 6th century BCE?

- i. 8
- ii. 32
- iii. 16
- iv. 23

(d) The first stage of human civilisation is known as the Old Stone Age or the

- i. Neolithic Age
- ii. Chalcolithic Age
- iii. Mesolithic Age
- iv. Palaeolithic Age

(e) History is the story of human growth from barbarism to

- i. Apocalypse
- ii. Peasantry
- iii. Hegemony
- iv. Civilisation

(f) In Greek literature, the long poems which describe the deeds of gods and heroic people are called

- i. Odysseus
- ii. Epics
- iii. Haikus
- iv. Villanelle

(g) The Great Wall of China was built during the reign of

- i. Huan Shuang
- ii. Shi Huangdi
- iii. Cao Cao
- iv. Shi Qi

(h) The Kingdom of Kuru was situated near the modern city of

- i. Srinagar
- ii. Panipat
- iii. Delhi
- iv. Patna

(i) “Thousands of rulers have ruled us, but the name of Ashoka shines and shines almost alone, like a star.” This statement was made by

- i. R.C. Majumdar
- ii. Boria Majumdar
- iii. D.N. Jha
- iv. D.D. Kosambi

(j) The states of Shakyas and Lichchavis were

- i. Socialist city-states
- ii. Totalitarian states
- iii. Democratic republics
- iv. Constitutional monarchies

Question 4

Answer any five of the following questions:

[25]

- a) Explain the state of agriculture in the Chinese society.
- b) Elaborate on Vedic literature.
- c) How developed was literature during the time of the Guptas?
- d) What reasons have been forwarded by historians for the decline of the Harappan civilisation?
- e) Elaborate on the nature of monuments and objects as archaeological sources.
- f) Elaborate on the reign of Augustus Caesar.
- g) How did the janapadas emerge?
- h) Write a short note on the organisation of the Mauryan administration.

Question 5

Picture Study:

[05]



- i) Identify the philosopher in the picture.
- ii) Write a short note on religion in the Chinese Civilisation.
- iii) Write a short note on Confucianism.

PART – II: Civics**Question 1**

Fill in the Blanks:

[05]

- a) A positive and healthy _____ environment enables us to appreciate the benefits of community life.
- b) Ties of a common language have led to the formation of _____ communities.
- c) The _____ builds and maintains public property so that everybody in society can use it.
- d) _____ plays a very important role in the democratic set-up of our country.
- e) A municipality functions through three organs—the Municipal Commissioner, the President and a _____.

Question 2

Choose the correct answer:

[05]

- a) Which of the following plays an important role in moulding a person's personality and inculcating moral values in them?
 - i. Nation
 - ii. Family
 - iii. Government
 - iv. Friends
- b) Who has the right to use public property?
 - i. Individuals who own it
 - ii. Government
 - iii. All citizens of the country
 - iv. People staying close to that public property
- c) Which city gets an annual rainfall of 11,500 mm and yet suffers from water scarcity?
 - i. Mapusa
 - ii. Bhogavi
 - iii. Nilgiris
 - iv. Cherrapunji
- d) Which area is administered by a municipality?
 - i. Cities having a population of less than 1000
 - ii. Cities having a population between 2000 to 10,000
 - iii. Cities having a population between 20,000 to 5,00,000
 - iv. Cities having a population of more than 20,00,000

e) How many dialects are spoken in India?

- i. 1652
- ii. 1985
- iii. 1489
- iv. 2513

Question 3

Answer any two of the following questions:

[10]

a) State the compulsory and optional functions of the Gram Panchayat?

b) What is the composition of the Municipal Corporation? Who are its members?

c) What changes are visible in the recent community life?