

CBSE
Class VIII Social Science
Sample Paper – 2
Term II

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 marks questions**.
 - v. Questions **11 and 12** for **History** and **Civics** section are for **5 marks**.
 - vi. Question **11 and 12** of the **Geography** section is for **3 marks**, while Question **13** is for **4 marks**.
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SECTION A
History

Question 1 – What was the Portuguese-origin term for Indian textiles? [1]

- a) Calicoe
- b) Calico
- c) Kalico
- d) Kalick

Question 2 – The central dome of the Viceroy's Palace built by the British was influenced by [1]

- a) Gothic architecture
- b) Rajput architecture
- c) Buddhist stupa
- d) Bengali roof architectural style

Question 3 – What was the name of the journal started by William Jones, Henry Thomas Colebrooke and Nathaniel Halhead? [1]

- a) Asiatic Journal
- b) Asiatick Researches
- c) Asian Affairs
- d) Asian Chronicle

Question 4 – Which famous Indian reformer used the ancient texts to suggest that widows could remarry? [1]

- a) G. K. Gokhale
- b) G. G. Agarkar
- c) Swami Dayanand Saraswati
- d) Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar

Question 5 – The 1878 legislation which disallowed Indians from possessing arms was called [1]

- a) The Possession of Weapons Act
- b) The Arms Possession Act
- c) The Arms Act
- d) The Weapons Act

Question 6 – Elaborate on the jamdani style of weaving. [2]

Question 7 – What is 'picketing'? [2]

Question 8 – What is 'Spinning Jenny'? [2]

Question 9 – Mention two features of the Subsidiary Alliance System. [2]

Question 10 – Do you think it is right to periodise Indian History into Hindu, Muslim and the British period? Why? [2]

Question 11 – Explain the ideological standpoint of the non-Brahmin movement. [5]

Question 12 – Explain the differences between Gandhi and Tagore on the point of education. [5]

SECTION B
Civics

Question 1 – A person is held guilty of crime by a [1]

- a) Witness
- b) Police
- c) Judge
- d) Public Prosecutor

Question 2 – Every person has a fundamental right to be defended by a lawyer under [1]

- a) Article 12
- b) Article 22
- c) Article 32
- d) Article 42

Question 3 – To secure a majority in the Lok Sabha elections, a party needs to win minimum of at least how many seats? [1]

- a) 270
- b) 272
- c) 274
- d) 276

Question 4 – What facilities does the Government provide to Dalit and Adivasi children? [1]

- a) Free or subsidised food
- b) Free or subsidised hostels
- c) Free or subsidised books
- d) None of the above

Question 5 – Power looms are small units with [1]

- a) 1–3 units
- b) 2–3 units
- c) 3–5 units
- d) 4–6 units

Question 6 – What steps should be taken by the government to ensure the cleanliness of the environment? [2]

Question 7 – Who are Adivasis? [2]

Question 8 – What does Article 15 of the Constitution state? [2]

Question 9 – What is reservation policy? [2]

Question 10 – How is the sanitation coverage in India? [2]

Question 11 – Why is the ship-breaking industry growing rapidly in South Asia? [5]

Question 12 – Discuss the structure of courts in India. [5]

SECTION C
Geography

Question 1 – Which of the following continent produces more than half of the world's tin?[1]

- a) Europe
- b) Asia
- c) Africa
- d) South America

Question 2 – In the production of castor seeds, India stands [1]

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) None of the above

Question 3 – To which category of industries does the iron and steel industry belong? [1]

- a) Small-scale industry
- b) Large-scale industry
- c) Cooperative sector
- d) Agro-based sector

Question 4 – Which of the following industries is not a heavy industry? [1]

- a) Cotton textile
- b) Cement
- c) Iron and steel
- d) Ship building

Question 5 – Which kind of irrigation is highly effective in the dry regions? [1]

- a) Sprinkle irrigation
- b) Drip irrigation
- c) Well irrigation
- d) None of the above

Question 6 – Define agriculture. [2]

Question 7 – What is the difference between sericulture and pisciculture? [2]

Question 8 – Define industry. [2]

Question 9 – What were the factors responsible for setting up the first successful mechanised textile mill in Mumbai? [2]

Question 10 – Define 'life expectancy'. [2]

Question 11 – Distinguish between secondary and tertiary activities giving examples of each. [3]

Question 12 – Classify resources on the basis of their origin and status of development. [3]

Question 13 – Discuss four methods by which soil can be conserved. [4]