

**CBSE**  
**Class VIII Social Science**  
**Term 1**  
**Sample Paper – 1**

**Time: 2½ hours**

**Total Marks: 75**

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**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 from serial number **10 to 12 are 5 mark questions**.
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**SECTION A**  
**History**

**Question 1** – In which three periods did James Mill divide Indian history? [1]

- a) 'Hindu', 'Muslim' and 'British'
- b) 'Ancient', 'Medieval' and 'Modern'
- c) 'Pre-historic', 'Ancient' and 'Modern'
- d) None of the above

**Question 2** –When did the Company government introduce Permanent Settlement Act in India? [1]

- a) 1791
- b) 1792
- c) 1793
- d) 1794

**Question 3** – What were outsiders called in Chottanagpur, Jharkhand? [1]

- a) Dikus
- b) Santhals
- c) Banjaras
- d) Paavana

**Question 4** – In which year did Delhi become the capital of British India? [1]

- a) 1921
- b) 1911
- c) 1925
- d) 1929

**Question 5** – When was the state of Awadh annexed by the Company government? [1]

- a) 1801
- b) 1824
- c) 1856
- d) 1857

**Question 6** – Who was the first Governor-General of India and who was the last Viceroy of India? [2]

**Question 7** – By which name were the traders of the East India Company known in India? [2]

**Question 8** – Explain the implications of the appointment of the Company as the Diwan of Bengal. [2]

**Question 9** – Which tribals from central India saw themselves as ‘the people of the forest’ and found it below their dignity to work as labourers for others? [2]

**Question 10** – Explain what are *dargahs*, *khanqahs* and *idgahhs*. [2]

**Question 11** – Explain the reasons behind the dissatisfaction of the Company sepoys with the Company administration. [5]

**Question 12** – Explain how the Bengal economy landed up in a crisis under the Diwani of the Company.

## **SECTION B**

### **Civics**

**Question 1** – In which year did the Indian National Congress make a demand for a Constituent Assembly? [1]

- a) 1958
- b) 1947
- c) 1938
- d) 1934

**Question 2** – The Right to Equality bans the practice of which of the following practices?[1]

- a) Untouchability
- b) Sati
- c) Reservation
- d) Child marriage

**Question 3** – The Head of State in the Parliamentary System of government is called [1]

- a) President
- b) Prime Minister
- c) Chief Minister
- d) Governor

**Question 4** – The law cannot discriminate between persons based on their [1]

- a) Religion
- b) Caste
- c) Gender
- d) All of these

**Question 5** – When was the Supreme Court of India established? [1]

- a) 15 August 1947
- b) 26 January 1950
- c) 15 August 1950
- d) 26 January 1947

**Question 6** – What do we mean by the term Constitution? [2]

**Question 7** – What do we mean by ‘Separation of powers’? [2]

**Question 8** – Explain the concept of the ‘Rule of Law’. [2]

**Question 9** – State any five functions of the Parliament. [2]

**Question 10** – Why is it important that government schools do not promote any one religion? [2]

**Question 11** – Elaborate on the movement for democracy in Nepal. [5]

**Question 12** – Explain the importance of the judiciary in a State. [5]

### **SECTION C**

#### **Geography**

**Question 1** - Which of the following components is the most essential component for developing resources? [1]

- a) Nature
- b) Human
- c) Technology
- d) None of the above

**Question 2** – What does sustainable development mean? [1]

- a) Carefully utilising resources.
- b) Meeting the requirement of the present.
- c) Taking care of future generations.
- d) All the above.

**Question 3** - What is the percentage of forest area in India? [1]

- a) 22%
- b) 33%
- c) 23%
- d) 21%

**Question 4** - Which of the following countries has the highest percentage of forest land?[1]

- a) UK
- b) USA
- c) Japan
- d) Russia

**Question 5** - Which country is the largest producer of bauxite in the world? [1]

- a) China
- b) Australia
- c) Brazil
- d) India

**Question 6** - What is a resource? What makes a substance a resource? [2]

**Question 7** - What is a patent? [2]

**Question 8** - What is the difference between private land and community land? What are community lands also known as? [2]

**Question 9** - What are the reasons for uneven distribution of population in different parts of the world? [2]

**Question 10** - Name the leading producers of coal in the world. [2]

**Question 11** - 'Energy saved is energy generated'. Elaborate on the statement. [5]

**Question 12** - Classify the resources based on their development and use. [5]