

CBSE
Class VIII
Social Science
Term I
Sample Paper 4
Solutions

Section A
History

Answer 1

c. 1498

Answer 2

c. Warren Hastings

Answer 3

d. A History of British India

Answer 4

b. Central Province

Answer 5

a. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)

Answer 6

c. Bareilly

Answer 7

b. Kingdoms of all the Indian kings were returned to them.

Answer 8

a. Thomas Munroe

Answer 9

The British rulers of India were of the opinion that the act of writing was extremely important for smooth operation of the administration. Every instruction, plan, policy decision, agreement and investigation had to be clearly written. Once this was done, such material could be properly discussed and debated. This conviction of the British government led to the development of an administrative culture of memos, notings and reports.

Answer 10

The state of Mysore, unlike the other states in India, had grown in power under rulers like Haidar Ali and his son Tipu Sultan. It controlled the extremely profitable trade of pepper and cardamom on the Malabar Coast. In 1785, Tipu Sultan stopped the export of sandalwood, pepper and cardamom through the ports in his kingdom and banned local

merchants from trading with the East India Company. He also established a close relationship with the French in India and modernised his armed forces with their assistance. This alarmed the British, and they began to see him as a potential threat to their business interests.

OR

In 1717, the Mughal Emperor Farrukhsiyar issued a farman which allowed the English East India Company to conduct duty-free trade in the region of Bengal. As a result, the Company could import and export material to and from Bengal without any tax payment to the Government of the region. The Company was also accorded the right to issue dastaks or passes for the free movement of their goods. As a result of these favourable conditions, the British settlements became the largest and most prosperous compared to other European settlements.

Answer 11

After the 1857 rebellion, the British authorities decided that the proportion of Indian soldiers in the army should be reduced and the number of European soldiers should be increased. It was also decided that instead of recruiting soldiers from regions such as Awadh, Bihar, central India and south India, more soldiers would be recruited from among communities such as the Gurkhas, Sikhs and Pathans.

Answer 12

The 'ancient-medieval-modern' model used for the study of Indian history is borrowed from the West where the modern period was associated with the growth of all the forces of modernity, i.e. science, reason, democracy, liberty and equality. The medieval period was designated as one which did not have these features of a modern society. However, in India's case, during the British rule, there was no equality granted to Indians. Liberty and freedom too were not accorded to the citizens by the British government, and there was no economic growth or material progress. Hence, the 'ancient-medieval-modern' paradigm is not an ideal fit for the study of Indian history.

Answer 13

Birsa Munda was a charismatic leader of the Munda tribe residing in the regions of present Bihar and Jharkhand. As an adult, Birsa Munda was influenced by the stories of the tribal 'Golden Age' when the Mundas were free of the oppression of outsiders locally known as the dikus.

His reforms

- His main aim was to reform tribal society. He urged his fellow tribals to give up drinking liquor, to clean up the village and to not believe in witchcraft and sorcery
- He also tried to oppose the authority of the Hindu landlords and the Christian missionaries.
- Birsa Munda wanted the tribals to regain their lost glory. He wanted them to tap natural resources, plant trees and orchards and practise cultivation for earning their livelihood.

OR

The impact of Forest Laws on Tribal Communities:

- Forests were the abode and the provider of food for the tribals. Tribal communities suffered when the British declared forests as state property.
- Forests were declared as reserved and protected. Problems arose when the tribals were not allowed to practice shifting cultivation and to collect fruits, food and wood.

- The Government also faced a shortage of labour for cutting trees. Thus, some arrangements were reached between the Government and the tribals. The Government allowed the tribals to practice jhum cultivation, but at the same time, they also had to provide labour to the Forest Department.
- Thus, many forest villages were established to ensure minimum supply of cheap labour.
- However, most tribals opposed the colonial forest laws. They disobeyed the old laws and rebelled against the British. Some such revolts were Songram Sangma in Assam in 1906, and the Forest Satyagraha in the Central provinces in the 1930s.

Section B

Civics

Answer 14

d. Federalism

Answer 15

a. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Answer 16

c. Ganesh Vasudev Mavlankar

Answer 17

b. Prime Minister

Answer 18

a. Rosa Parks

Answer 19

a. Public Interest Litigation

Answer 120

d. Supreme Court

Answer 21

Directive Principles of the State Policy are contained in Part IV of the Indian Constitution. They contain the guidelines for the government to ensure the welfare of the people. These principles are considered primary for governance; however, they are not enforceable by law.

Answer 22

The power of Supreme Court and high courts to review the laws enacted by the legislature whether the laws are in accordance to the Constitution is known as the Judicial Review. The Supreme Court and the High Court can declare law null and void if it violate any provision of the Constitution.

OR

The judiciary is important because

- It provides a mechanism for resolving disputes/conflicts between people, between people and the state government, between two state governments and between the centre/union and state governments.

- Because it is the final interpreter of the Constitution, it has the power to declare the law passed by the government as null and void if there is any kind violation of the principles and ideals of our Constitution.
- It upholds, enforces and protects the Fundamental Rights of every citizen of the country. People can move the court if any of their Fundamental Rights are violated.

Answer 23

African-Americans were treated unequally in the United States of America because their ancestors were brought over from Africa as slaves. For example, when travelling by bus, African-Americans either had to sit at the back of the bus or get up from their seats whenever a white person wished to sit.

Answer 24

The Parliament may pass some controversial and unpopular laws. When a set of laws favours one group at the expense of the other group, the law is said to be controversial. When an unpopular law is passed, people may come together on a common platform to criticise the provisions of the law. Holding of rallies and protests, writing in magazines and newspapers, holding debates in the television are some ways in which the Parliament may be pressurised into changing unpopular provisions of the law. Unpopular and repressive laws may be challenged in the court by the people. The Supreme Court has the power to revoke the laws if the laws do not adhere to the Constitution of the country.

Answer 25

A country needs a constitution because of the following reasons:

- A country is generally inhabited by people belonging to various religious and social backgrounds. It is difficult for all the people to agree on all issues. Under such circumstances, the Constitution serves as a set of laws and rules to which people in the country can agree upon.
- The Constitution lays down important guidelines on how the country has to be governed.
- The Constitution also lays down certain provisions which safeguard the people and the country against the misuse of powers by any political leader.
- The Constitution guarantees and safeguards basic rights and freedoms of the citizens.
- It also ensures that the majority community does not misuse its power against the minority communities.

OR

India has a parliamentary form of government where the people of India elect their own representatives who then frame laws and regulations for the entire country. Our Constitution grants the principle of universal adult franchise which means that adults above the age of 18 are eligible to vote irrespective of their caste, religion, sect and gender. Because the Parliament consists of elected members, it is the supreme law-making authority in the country.

In India, there are three branches of Government-legislature, executive and judiciary. The legislature makes the laws, the executive implements the laws and the judiciary punishes those who violate the laws. All three organs of the Government exercise different powers and keep a check on the other organ. The principle of 'separation of power' ensures a balance of power among all three organs of the Government.

Section C

Geography

Answer 26

c. Technology

Answer 27

d. Falling river water

Answer 28

a. Planting rows of trees to prevent soil erosion

Answer 29

d. Japan

Answer 30

c. Weathering

Answer 31

a. Geo thermal energy

Answer 32

d. Thorium

Answer 33

b. Australia

Answer 34

Three important principles of sustainable development:

- To carefully utilise the resources.
- Conserve the resources so that they also meet the needs of the future generations.
- Minimizing the depletion of natural resources.

Answer 35

Animals big and small, birds, insects as well as aquatic life forms are all important to us. They provide us milk, meat, hides and wool. Insects like bees provide us honey, help in pollination of flowers and have an important role to play as decomposers in the ecosystem. The birds feed on insects and act as decomposers as well. Vultures due to their ability to feed on dead livestock are scavengers and considered vital cleansers of the environment. So animals big or small, all are integral to maintaining the balance in the ecosystem.

OR

Mulching is a method of soil conservation in which the bare ground between plants is covered with a layer of organic matter like straw. It helps to retain soil moisture.

Answer 36

The coal which we are using today was formed millions of years ago when giant ferns and swamps got buried under the layers of Earth. Coal is therefore referred to as 'buried sunshine'.

Answer 37

Main types and distribution of natural vegetation:

Temperature and rainfall are two important factors which determine the growth and nature of natural vegetation. Forests, grasslands and scrubs are some important types of natural vegetation.

- Dense forests with huge trees thrive in areas of heavy rainfall. As the rainfall decreases, trees become short and are less dense.
- Thorny shrubs and scrubs grow in regions of low rainfall. These plants have long roots which go deep into the Earth in search of water. The leaves are also waxy and thorny to reduce the loss of water. Thorny bushes have waxy leaves to conserve water.
- There are two broad categories of forests—evergreen and deciduous. Trees in the evergreen forests do not shed their leaves at the same time. Thus, they always appear green. Trees in deciduous forests shed their leaves in a particular season.

Answer 38

Minerals are defined as solid, inorganic, naturally occurring substances with a definite chemical formula and general structure.

Four characteristics of minerals are:

- Minerals are not evenly distributed on the surface of the Earth.
- Minerals are exhaustible after a period of time. Since they cannot be replenished immediately, they need to be conserved.
- All minerals do not have uniform properties. They have different chemical compositions.
- All minerals have different colour, luster and texture.

OR

The distribution of minerals in Africa:

- The continent of Africa is extremely rich in mineral resources. It is the leading producer of gold, silver, diamonds and platinum in the world.
- Zimbabwe and Zaire are two of the largest producers of gold in the world.
- Copper, chromium, uranium, cobalt, bauxite and iron ore are some other minerals which are found in Africa.
- Oil is mainly found in Nigeria, Angola and Libya.