

Half Yearly Examination - 2020

Class – IX

Time: 2 hrs.

HISTORY & CIVICS

M.M: 80

Note : You will not be allowed to write during the first fifteen minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt **all** questions from **Part-I** (compulsory). A total of **five questions** are to be attempted from **Part-II**, **two** out of **three questions** from section **A** and **three** out of **five questions** from section **B**.

PART-I (30 Marks)

Answer all questions.

CIVICS

1. a) What is meant by the term Constitution? (1)
b) When did the Constitution of India come into force? (1)
c) When was the Constitution adopted and passed? (1)
d) Why was January 26 chosen for the commencement of the Constitution? (1)
e) What is meant by the term 'Single Citizenship'? (1)
f) Mention one Fundamental Right granted to citizens of India. (1)
g) By which the Act of the Parliament were the Fundamental Duties included in the Constitution? (1)
h) Mention the Fundamental Duty which has been added by the Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002. (1)
i) What are known as Directive Principles of State Policy? (1)
j) In which part of the Constitution are Directive Principles incorporated? (1)

HISTORY

2. a) Name any two important sources of information on the Harappan Civilisation. (2)
b) Name the four Vedas. (2)
c) State two important causes for the rise of Jainism and Buddhism. (2)
d) Give Four Noble Truths of Buddhism. (2)
e) Who wrote *Arthashastra*? What is its importance? (2)
f) What is meant by the term 'the Sangam Age'? (2)
g) Name two dramas written by Kalidasa. (2)
h) Name the two languages promoted by Cholas. (2)
i) Name any two features of temples built by the Cholas. (2)
j) State any two architectural features of Qutub Minar. (2)

PART-II (50 Marks)

SECTION - A

Answer any two questions from this section.

3. Explain the following basic features of the Indian Constitution:
a) Single Citizenship. (3)
b) Universal Adult Franchise (3)
c) Fundamental Rights (4)
4. With reference to Fundamental Duties, answer the following questions:
a) What are known as Fundamental Duties? (3)
b) Give any three Fundamental Duties. (3)
c) What is the importance of these Duties? (4)

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5. With reference to the significance of Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights, explain the following:
- a) State any three differences between the Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy. (3)
 - b) What are the components of the Right to Education? (3)
 - c) What is meant by a 'Welfare State'? (4)

SECTION – B

Answer any three questions:

6. With reference to the chief features of the Harappan Civilisation, write short notes on each of the following:
- a) Town Planning. (3)
 - b) Special features of the houses of the people. (3)
 - c) Mention any two common elements between Mohenjo-daro and Harappan. (4)
7. With reference to the Mauryan Administration write short notes on the following:
- a) The Central Government. (3)
 - b) District Administration (3)
 - c) The Revenue System. (4)
8. Study the picture given below and answer the following questions:



- a) Identify the temple given in the picture. Where is it located? To which God is this temple dedicated? (3)
 - b) Mention the architectural features of this temple. (3)
 - c) Briefly describe the educational institution set up during this period. (4)
9. With reference to the sources of information about the Cholas, answer the following:
- a) List the forms of Chola Inscriptions. (3)
 - b) What was the special feature of the Inscriptions? (3)
 - c) Mention the significance of Brihadeshwara Temple. (4)
10. With reference to the reign of Muhammad Bin Tughlaq, explain the following :
- a) His attempts to transfer the capital from Delhi to Daulatabad. (3)
 - b) Introduction of token currency. (3)
 - c) Increased taxation in Doab. (4)

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