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SAMPLE PRACTICE PAPER 2024-25
Vith SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time allowed: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions

- All questions are compulsory.
- Ensure legibility and neatness in your answers.
- This paper is divided into 4 sections:
Section A: 20 marks
Section B: 40 marks
Section C: 15 marks
Section D: 5 marks

Section-A

Objective Questions (1 marks each)

1. Which imaginary line divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?
a) Prime Meridian
b) Equator
c) Tropic of Cancer
d) Arctic Circle

2. Which of the following is used to determine the exact location of a place on Earth?
a) Compass
b) Atlas
c) Latitude and Longitude
d) Map Scale

3. Which ocean is the largest and covers more than one-third of Earth's surface?
a) Atlantic Ocean
b) Pacific Ocean
c) Indian Ocean
d) Arctic Ocean

4. Which type of landform is most suitable for human settlement and agriculture?
a) Mountains
b) Plateaus
c) Plains
d) Deserts

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5. Match the following:

Column A	Column B
1. Archaeologist	a) Study of coins
2. Historian	b) Study of past through written records
3. Numismatist	c) Study of inscriptions
4. Epigraphist	d) Study of remains from the past

6. Which of the following is the first known civilization of India?

- a) Mauryan Civilization
- b) Gupta Civilization
- c) Harappan Civilization
- d) Vedic Civilization

7. The basic unit of society is the:

- (a) School
- (b) Playground
- (c) Family
- (d) Market

8. The group of individuals or the system that makes the rules and ensures that they are followed is :

- (a) Legislature
- (b) Judiciary
- (c) State assembly
- (d) Government

9. Participatory democracy involves participation of:

- (a) women
- (b) children
- (c) old age people
- (d) all of the above

10. Which tier of government has power to deal with interstate commerce and education:

- (a) Gram Panchayat
- (b) State
- (c) Municipal Corporation
- (d) Central

11. Assertion(A): The sun is a star.

Reason(R): Some suggested bodies are very big and hot. They are made up of gases. They have their own heat and light, which they emit in large amounts.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is true but R is false.
- (d) A is false but R is true

12. Which of the following continents lies completely in the Northern Hemisphere?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Europe
- (c) South America
- (d) Africa

13. What does the term 'ahman' refer to the vedic culture?

- a) The world
- b) The self
- c) The cosmos
- d) The divine essence

14. Jainism emphasises the idea of aparigraha which means _____.

15. The process of taking decisions, organising society's life with different sets of rules and ensuring they are followed is called _____.

16. The branch of government that makes new laws and amend the existing ones is known as _____.

17. The Yamuna is the largest river originating from himalayas. (True/False)

18. Jambudvipa is derived from jamun tree native in India. (True/False)

19. Cotton is first grown by Harappan civilisation. (True/False)

20. History is the study of the human past. (True/False)

Section-B

Very Short Answer Type Questions (2 marks each)

21. What was a major feature of Harappan town planning?

22. Name the highest mountain ranges in north east of India?

23. Why are plains overpopulated?

24. What is one feature of Indian literature that illustrates unity in diversity?

25. Who is an Archeologist?

Short Answer Type Questions (3 marks each)

26. Evaluate the importance of Harappan seals and their inscriptions in understanding trade and communication in the Indus-Saraswati civilisation.

27. Discuss the reasons for the decline of the Indus-Saraswati civilisation around 1900 BCE.

28. How families play an important role in society?

29. Discuss the concept of 'Representative Democracy' and provide an example to justify your answer.

30. Elaborate the concept of physical features and give some major examples of these features.

Long Answer Type Questions (5 marks each)

31. Explain the different types of landforms found on Earth, including mountains, plateaus, and plains. How are these landforms formed? Provide examples of each type and discuss their importance in human life and economic activities.

32. What are the key features of a democratic government? How does the Indian Constitution ensure equality among its citizens? Give examples to show how democracy helps resolve conflicts and protects the rights of people.

33. Explain the major developments during the Vedic period. Discuss the role of the following in shaping society:

a) Religious practices and rituals

b) Social organization

c) Economic activities like agriculture

SECTION-C

Case based Questions (5 marks each)

34. A farmer in the Indus Valley Civilization used to grow wheat and barley near the banks of the Indus River. He lived in a city where houses were made of baked bricks and had a well-planned drainage system. The people of the city traded goods like beads, seals, and ornaments with distant lands.

- a) What were the key features of the urban planning of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- b) Why was the location of the civilization near a river advantageous for agriculture?
- c) What does the trade activity mentioned in the passage tell us about the civilization's economic and cultural connections?

35. Ravi, a student, is reading a book about different kinds of forests in India. He learns that evergreen forests are found in regions with high rainfall and hot temperatures throughout the year. On the other hand, deciduous forests shed their leaves in the dry season and are found in areas with moderate rainfall.

- a) Why do evergreen forests remain green throughout the year?
- b) In what ways are deciduous forests useful to humans?
- c) Name one region in India where evergreen forests are found and one where deciduous forests are common.

36. Reena's village is governed by a Gram Panchayat, which is responsible for maintaining the local roads, providing drinking water, and resolving disputes. Recently, the Gram Panchayat organized a meeting to discuss the construction of a new school.

- a) What is the role of the Gram Panchayat in local governance?
- b) Why is it important for the Gram Panchayat to involve villagers in decision-making?
- c) How does the Gram Panchayat generate funds for development?

SECTION-D

Map-Based Questions (5 marks)

37. Mark and label the following sites of the Indus Valley Civilization on the map of India:

- a. Mohenjo-Daro
- b. Harappa
- c. Deccan Plateau
- d. Indo-Gangetic Plains
- e. Chotanagpur Plateau



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