

SPECTRA PRACTICE PAPER (2025-26)

CLASS 10

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:


1. The question paper comprises Six Sections - A, B, C, D, E and F. There are 37 questions in the Question paper. All questions are compulsory.
2. Section A - From questions 1 to 20 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
3. Section B - Question no. 21 to 24 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40 words.
4. Section C contains Q.25 to Q. 29 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 words.
5. Section D - Question no. 30 to 33 are long answer type questions, carrying 5 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 120 words.
6. Section - E - Questions no from 34 to 36 are case based questions with three sub questions and are of 4 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 100 words.
7. Section F - Question no. 37 is map based, carrying 5 marks with two parts, 37a from History (2 marks) and 37b from Geography (3 marks).
8. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions must be attempted.

	Section A	
1	Certain events are given below. Choose the appropriate chronological order: 1. Coming of Simon Commission to India 2. Demand of Purna Swaraj in Lahore Session of INC. 3. Government of India Act, 1919 4. Champaran Satyagraha	[1]

	<p>Choose the correct option:</p> <p>a) i - ii - iv - iii</p> <p>b) iii - ii - iv - i</p> <p>c) iv - iii - i - ii</p> <p>d) ii - iii - i - iv</p>											
2	<p>_____are used to divert perennial springs on the hilltops to the lower reaches by gravity.</p> <p>a) Iron pipes</p> <p>b) PVC pipes</p> <p>c) Motors</p> <p>d) Bamboo pipes</p>	[1]										
3	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="2">PER CAPITA INCOME OF SELECT STATES</th></tr><tr><th>STATES</th><th>Per Capita Income for 2018-19 (in ₹)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Bihar</td><td>40,982</td></tr><tr><td>Kerala</td><td>2,04,105</td></tr><tr><td>Haryana</td><td>2,36,147</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>As per the data given above which state would be considered as the least developed?</p> <p>a) Bihar andKerala</p> <p>b) Kerala</p> <p>c) Bihar</p> <p>d) Haryana</p>	PER CAPITA INCOME OF SELECT STATES		STATES	Per Capita Income for 2018-19 (in ₹)	Bihar	40,982	Kerala	2,04,105	Haryana	2,36,147	[1]
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4	<p>Which of the following options represents the steps that can be involved to produce rice in Haryana and Punjab?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using high - yielding variety seeds. Using insecticides and pesticides and chemical fertilisers. Using machines and other modern methods for cultivation. Production of rice involves subsistence farming methods. <p>a) Statement i and ii are correct.</p>	[1]
	<p>b) Statement ii is correct.</p> <p>c) Statement i, ii, & iii are correct.</p> <p>d) Statement ii, iii & iv are correct.</p>	
5	<p>Which one of the following is an example of coming together federation ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Belgium USA India Spain 	[1]
6	<p>Consider the following statements on Power sharing and choose the correct option.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Imposing the will of majority community over others. It helps in reducing the possibility of conflict between the social groups. Power sharing is a good way to ensure the stability of political order. It brings socio - political opposition among parties. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I and II II and III I and III I and IV 	[1]


7	<p>Assertion (A): If democracies are expected to produce good governments, then is it not fair to expect that they would also produce development.</p> <p>Reason (R): Evidence shows that in practice, many democracies did not fulfil this expectation.</p> <p>a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.</p> <p>c) A is true but R is false.</p> <p>d) A is false but R is true.</p>	[1]
8	<p>John, a struggling farmer, approached the local bank for a loan to expand his agricultural business. He offered his land as collateral, hoping to secure the funds he needed. The bank approved the loan, but John faced a setback when his crops failed. Since he was unable to repay the loan, the bank exercised its right to sell his land, leaving John devastated and in search of a fresh start.</p> <p>a) To reduce the loan principal amount</p> <p>b) To provide additional income to the lender</p> <p>c) To increase the interest rate on the loan</p> <p>d) To guarantee repayment of the loan</p>	[1]
9	<p>In India, the government at the provincial or regional level are called:</p> <p>a) Union Government</p> <p>b) Central Government</p> <p>c) Democratic Government</p> <p>d) State Government</p>	[1]

10	 <p>Study the picture and answer the question that follows:</p> <p>Which of the following aspect best represent the image?</p> <p>a) Giuseppe Mazzini and the founding of Young Europe in Berne 1833.</p> <p>b) Kaiser William I and the founding of Carbonari in Berne 1833.</p> <p>c) Giuseppe Mazzini and the founding of Young Italy in Marseilles in 1833.</p> <p>d) Count Camillo de Cavour and the founding of Young Europe in Berne 1833.</p>	[1]
11	<p>Evaluate the impacts of improvement in technology by identifying the appropriate statements among the following options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We can obtain and share information on almost anything we want to know. 2. It has stimulated the globalization process. 3. It has facilitated expanding the production of services across countries. 4. It has been facilitated by satellite communication devices. <p>a) Statements i, ii and iii are appropriate.</p> <p>b) Only statement iv is appropriate.</p> <p>c) All the statements are appropriate.</p> <p>d) Statements i and ii are appropriate.</p>	[1]

12	<p>Which type of government is likely to be more acceptable to the people in the world?</p> <p>a) Democratic</p> <p>b) Dictatorship</p> <p>c) Theocratic</p> <p>d) Military</p>	[1]
13	<p>Arrange the following statements in sequential order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. i. Simon Commission arrived in India 2. ii. Mahatma Gandhi decided to withdraw the Non - Cooperation Movement 3. iii. Mahatma Gandhi sent a letter to Viceroy Irwin stating eleven demands 4. iv. Under the presidency of Jawaharlal Nehru, the Lahore Congress formalised the demand of 'Purna Swaraj' or full independence for India. <p>a) iv, iii, ii, i</p> <p>b) ii, i, iii, iv</p> <p>c) iii, iv, i, ii</p> <p>d) ii, i, iv, iii</p>	[1]
14	<p>Laxmi, owning about two hectares of un irrigated land - dependent only on rain and growing crops, like jowar and arhar. All five members of her family work in the plot throughout the year. Everyone is working, none remains idle, but in actual fact, their labour effort gets divided. Each one is doing some work but no one is fully employed.</p> <p>Which situation is being faced by Laxmi and her family?</p> <p>a) Structural unemployment</p> <p>b) Seasonal unemployment</p> <p>c) Frictional unemployment</p> <p>d) Disguised unemployment</p>	[1]

15	<p>Consider the statements given below and choose the correct answer</p> <p>Statement I: Menocchio reinterpreted the message of the Bible and formulated a view of God and Creation that was lauded by the Roman Catholic Church.</p> <p>Statement II: The Roman Church encouraged the publishers and booksellers and began to maintain an Index of Published Books from 1558.</p> <p>a) Both (i) & (ii) are incorrect</p> <p>b) Statement (i) is incorrect and (ii) is correct</p> <p>c) Both (i) & (ii) are correct</p> <p>d) Statement (i) is correct and (ii) is incorrect</p>	[1]
16	<p>X provided his friend with clues regarding the right kind of soil for growing cashew nut. Which of the following clues from X would be most helpful in determining the ideal type of soil?</p> <p>Clues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the result of intense leaching due to heavy rain. 2. It is well - known for its capacity to hold moisture. 3. It turns yellow when it is hydrated. 4. It is rich in kankur and bhangar nodules. <p>a) Clue ii and iii</p> <p>b) Clue i</p> <p>c) Clue iii and iv</p> <p>d) Clue ii</p>	[1]

17	<p>Which of the following statements will be considered as a factor that contributes to strengthening federalism and democracy in our country?</p> <p>Statement i: Not a single national party is able to secure on its own a majority in the general elections.</p> <p>Statement ii: Every party in the country registers with the Election Commission.</p> <p>Statement iii: The Election Commission classifies major parties as 'State parties'.</p> <p>Statement iv: State parties get an opportunity to be a part of one or the other national - level coalition government.</p> <p>a) Statement i and ii are right.</p> <p>b) Statement i, ii and iii are right.</p> <p>c) Only statement iv is right.</p> <p>d) Statement iii is right.</p>	[1]
18	<p>In which of the following countries is the participation of women in politics very high?</p> <p>a) Latvia</p> <p>b) Russia</p> <p>c) Hungary</p> <p>d) Finland</p>	[1]
19	<p>Identify the incorrect statement in the context of political parties.</p> <p>a) Political parties contest elections</p> <p>b) Political parties are the most trusted institutions all over the world</p> <p>c) Political parties play the role of opposition</p> <p>d) Political parties put forward different policies and programmes</p>	[1]
20	<p>Rajiv obtained a loan of ₹ 8 lakhs from a bank for his business. The loan carries an annual interest rate of 10 percent and is to be repaid in monthly installments over a period of 5 years. As collateral, the bank retained Rajiv's valuable equipment until the loan and interest are fully repaid. Which of the following statements is true?</p>	[1]

	<p>a) Rajiv will repay the loan in a lump sum after 5 years.</p> <p>b) The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5 percent per month.</p> <p>c) The bank will return Rajiv's valuable equipment as soon as he submits his business plan.</p> <p>d) Rajiv had to provide the bank with his personal bank statements to secure the loan.</p>	
	Section B	
21	<p>Study the picture and name this structure located in the Belgian capital.</p> 	[2]
22	<p>Describe the spirit of conservatism in European governments brought after the defeat of Napoleon in 1815.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Examine the role of women in the nationalist struggles of Europe.</p>	[2]
23	<p>Explain geographical conditions required for the cultivation of pulses.</p> <p>Name any two important pulses producing states.</p>	[2]
24	<p>State any three key features of federalism in India.</p>	[2]
	Section C	
25	<p>What led the colonial government to pass the Vernacular Press Act in 1878?</p> <p>How did it affect the vernacular newspapers?</p>	[3]
26	<p>'Agriculture and industry are not exclusive of each other'. Support your answer by giving any three arguments.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>"Industrialization and urbanization go hand in hand." Justify the statement by giving any three arguments.</p>	[3]
27	<p>Explain how does the public sector contribute to the economic development of a nation?</p>	[3]
28	<p>Highlight any three steps taken by India towards making it a federation.</p>	[3]

29	How is the tertiary sector different from other sectors? Give examples.	[3]
	Section D	
30	Minerals are an indispensable part of our lives. Support this statement with examples. OR "There is a pressing need for using renewable energy sources in India." Justify the statement.	[5]
31	How did culture play an important role in Europe in creating the idea of the nation? OR How did Greek war of Independence mobilise nationalist feelings among the educated elite across Europe? Explain.	[5]
32	Explain two functions each of the ruling party as well as of the opposition parties. OR Describe the necessity of political parties in democracy.	[5]
33	Which are the two major sources of formal credits in India? Why do we need to expand the formal sources of credit? OR The Self - Help Groups help borrowers to overcome the problem of lack of collateral security. Support the statement with examples.	[5]
	Section E	

34	<p>Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>When the British government conceded Ambedkar's demand, Gandhiji began a fast unto death. He believed that separate electorates for dalits would slow down the process of their integration into society. Ambedkar ultimately accepted Gandhiji's position and the result was the Poona Pact of September 1932. It gave the Depressed Classes (later to be known as the Schedule Castes) reserved seats in provincial and central legislative councils, but they were to be voted in by the general electorate. The Dalit movement, however, continued to be apprehensive of the Congress - led national movement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who formed the Depressed Classes Association and when was it formed? (1) 	[4]
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What demand regarding Dalits was made at the second Round Table conference? (1) Why did Gandhiji begin fast unto death? (2) 	
35	<p>Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Most of the objections to the projects arose due to their failure to achieve the purposes for which they were built. Ironically, the dams that were constructed to control the floods have triggered floods due to sedimentation in the reservoir. Moreover, the big dams have mostly been unsuccessful in controlling floods at the time of excessive rainfall. You may have seen or read how the release of water from the dams during heavy rains aggravated the flood situation in Maharashtra and Gujarat in 2006. The floods have not only devastated life and property but also caused extensive soil erosion. Sedimentation also meant that the flood plains were deprived of silt, a natural fertiliser, further adding on to the problem of land degradation. It was also observed that the multi - purpose projects induced earthquakes, caused water - borne diseases and pests and pollution resulting from excessive use of water.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Name the movement against the river project in Gujarat. (1) Analyse any two merits of multi - purpose river projects. (1) How have the big dams mostly been unsuccessful in controlling floods at the time of excessive rainfall? (2) 	[4]

36	<p>Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>Recent evidence suggests that the groundwater is under serious threat of overuse in many parts of the country. About 300 districts have reported a water level decline of over 4 metres during the past 20 years. Nearly one - third of the country is overusing their groundwater reserves. In another 25 years, 60 percent of the country would be doing the same if the present way of using this resource continues. Groundwater overuse is particularly found in the agriculturally prosperous regions of Punjab and Western U.P., hard rock plateau areas of central and south India, some coastal areas and the rapidly growing urban settlements.</p> <p>Countries like India depend on importing oil from abroad because they do not have enough stocks of their own. If prices of oil increase this becomes a burden for everyone. There are countries like the USA which have low reserves and hence want to secure oil through military or economic power. The question of sustainability of development raises many fundamentally new issues about the nature and process of development.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the significance of the prices of oil in the world market. (1) 	[4]
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Groundwater is an example of renewable resources then how can it be overused? (1) 3. The question of the sustainability of development raises many fundamentally new issues about the nature and process of development. Why is the issue of sustainability important for development? (2) 	
	Section F	

37	<p>1. Two features A and B are marked on the given political outline map of India. Identify these features with the help of the following informations and write their correct names on the lines marked near them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The place where Jallianwalla Bagh incident took place. The place where Gandhiji organized Satyagraha in favour of cotton mill workers. <p>2. Locate and label any four of the following with appropriate symbols on the same given political outline map of India.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tehri - Dam Indore - Cotton Textile Industrial Centre Vijaynagar - Iron and Steel Plant Noida - Software Technology Park Chennai - Major Sea Port Tarapur - Nuclear Power Plant <div> <p>The image shows a political outline map of India. Feature A is marked in Punjab, near Jallianwalla Bagh. Feature B is marked in Gujarat, near the Satyagraha site. The map includes state boundaries and a scale bar at the bottom left.</p> </div>	[5]
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