

GRADE VIII

SCHOOL

ASSESSMENT-I

TIME 2 HOURS

HISTORY & CIVICS, PAPER-1

M.M 80

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 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.

PART I

Attempt all questions from this part

Question 1

Choose the correct answer:

(i) Who was the Nawab of Bengal, after the battle of Buxar (1764)?

(a) Nizam-ud-Daulah

(b) Mir Qasim

(c) Mir Jafar

(d) Shah Alam II

(ii) Which state was annexed on the basis of misgovernance?

(a) Jhansi

(b) Satara

(c) Awadh

(d) Hyderabad

(iii) Who was the son of Shivaji?

- (a) Sambhaji
- (b) Balaji Vishwanath
- (c) Sahu
- (d) Raja Ram

(iv) When did Abraham Lincoln take office as President of America

- (a) 1863
- (b) 1861
- (c) 1864
- (d) 1862

(v) When did the anti-slavery movement start?

- (a) 1840
- (b) 1852
- (c) 1860
- (d) 1863

(vi) Which among the following terms can be described as a strong feeling of love and loyalty which people have for their own country?

- (a) Marxism
- (b) Secularism
- (c) Socialism
- (d) Nationalism

(vii) Who discovered America in CE 1492?

- (a) Eli Whitney
- (b) Christopher Columbus
- (c) Amerigo Vespucci
- (d) Ferdinand Magellan

(viii) How many members are nominated to the Rajya Sabha ?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 18

(ix) Who issue ordinances when the Parliament is not in session?

- (a) President
- (b) Prime Minister
- (c) Speaker of the Lok Sabha
- (d) Vice President

(x) The Vice President of India is elected by the

- (a) Members of the Parliament
- (b) President
- (c) Judges of the Supreme Court
- (d) Prime Minister

Question 2

(a) Fill in the blanks:

(1) The Rajya Sabha is the.....House of the Parliament.

(ii)are the administrative or Permanent executives.

(iii)was the first woman President of India.

(vi) The first Englishman to meet Emperor Jahangir was.....

(v) The.....was the Chief Minister of Marathas,

(b) Write True or False:

(i) The French Revolution led to rise of nationalism in Europe.

(ii) The Question of State's Rights was also a cause of the Civil War.

(iii) The office of the Peshwas was always hereditary.

(iv) A money bill cannot be introduced without the President's authority.

(v) A money bill has to be moved first in the Lok Sabha.

Question 3

Answer in brief:

(i) Name the two houses of the Parliament.

(i) Who can dissolve the Lok Sabha and order fresh election?

(iii) Who is the ex-officio chairman of the Rajya Sabha?

(iv) Who is Presiding officer of the Lok Sabha?

(v) Who was the puppet of the British after the battle of Plassey?

(vi) Who started the Subsidiary Alliance system in India?

(vii) Name the first independent Nawab of Bengal?

(ix) Which ruler was known as the Tiger of Mysore?

(x) When was the Battle of Waterloo fought?

PART II (50 Marks)

Section A (Civics)

Attempt any two questions from this Section.

Question 4

The President of India enjoys vast powers. In this context, briefly explain:

- (i) Any three executive functions
- (ii) Any three Judicial Functions
- (iii) Under what circumstances can the President proclaim a state of emergency.

Question 5

With reference to the Prime Minister and his Powers, explain the following:

- (i) Who distributes portfolios among the ministers?
- (ii) What is the position of the Prime Minister?
- (iii) Mention any four powers of Prime Minister.

Question 6

With reference to the Rajya Sabha, explain the following:

- (i) What is the composition of the Rajya sabha?
- (i) Mention any three qualification to become the member of the Rajya Sabha?
- (ii) Write any four powers of Rajya Sabha?

Section B (History)

Attempt any three questions from this Section.

Question 7

Picture study:



- (i) Identify the personality.
- (ii) Why is he considered one of the greatest President of USA?
- (iii) Do you agree with the definition of democracy as given by him?

Question 8

With reference to the Doctrines of Lapse, answer the following:

- (i) Who introduced this system?
- (i) Explain the Doctrine of Lapse.
- (iii) Name the other methods used by Lord Dalhousie to expand the British power in India.

Question 9

With reference to the Third Battle of Panipat, answer the following:

- (i) When and between whom was the Third Battle of Panipat Fought?
- (ii) What were its results?

(iii) The consequences of the Third Battle of Panipat was advantageous for the British. Give reason.

Question 10

With reference to the American Civil War, write short note on:

(i) Abraham Lincoln's role in the Civil War.

(ii) Causes of Civil War.

(iii) Result of Civil War.

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