

Half-yearly Examination - 2016-2017

HISTORY / CIVICS

Time : 2 Hrs. 15 min

F. M. : 80

Std. : VIII

Attempt all questions from Part-I. A total of five questions 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)

Attempt all questions

- Q1. a. What is meant by Directive Principles of state policy? (1)
- b. Name two important sources of Directive Principles. (1)
- c. Explain the term welfare state. (1)
- d. Mention one major objective of five year plans. (1)
- e. Why has Panchyati Raj been established in the remotest villages? (1)
- f. What is meant by the term 'Election'? (1)
- g. Name the system of election to the office of the President of India? Who allots the symbol to political parties? (2)
- h. What is an 'Electoral Roll'? (1)
- i. Mention any one advisory function of the Election Commission (1)
- j. Who appoints the Election Commissioners? What is the normal term of Chief Election Commissioners and other commissioners? (1)
- Q2. a. Mention two sources which give information about Jainism? (2)
- b. Who was Vardhamana Mahavira? Give the significance of his name? (1½+½)
- c. What are known as the Tri Ratnas? (2)
- d. What are the four Great Sight of Buddhism? (2)
- e. What are the two literary and two Archaeological sources of information on the Mauryan rule? (2)
- f. What is meant by Ashoka's Dhamma? Name the two taxes mentioned in the Edicts of Ashoka. (2)
- g. Define Reformation. What is known as the Diet of Worms? (2)
- h. Name the founder of Society of Jesus. What was the counter reformation? (2)
- i. Explain the spy system of Mauryan administration. (2)
- j. Who wrote Indika? What is the importance of Arthashastra? (2)

PART II (50 Marks)

Section A

Answer any two questions from this Section

- Q3. With reference to the concept of Directive Principles, answer the following questions.
- Difference between Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights (any 3) (3)
 - Importance of Directive Principles (any 3) (3)
 - Steps taken to implement the Directive Principles by Union and State Governments. (3)
- Q4. With reference to democracy and elections, answer the following questions :
- Difference between Direct and Indirect election. (3)
 - Terms and conditions of service of Election Commissioner. (3)
 - Steps to ensure free and fair elections. (3)
- Q5. The Election Commission has wide ranging powers and function. In this content answer the following :
- Explain the term General election. State two points of difference between a by-election and mid-term election. (3)
 - Allotment of symbols (2)
 - Scrutiny of Nomination Papers (2)
 - Scrutiny of Election Expenses. (2)

SECTION B

Answer any three questions from this Section

- Q6. With reference to Jainism and Buddhism, answer the following questions :
- Four noble truths. (2)
 - Buddha formulate code of conduct. (3)
 - Differentiate Buddhism and Jainism. (4)
- Q7. With reference to Mauryan Empire, answer the following questions :
- Identify the ruler. Name two titles which were taken by him? (2)
 - Consequences of Kalinga war. (4)
 - Chief advantages of Pan Indian character. (3)
- Q8. With reference to government under the Mauryan rule, answer the following questions :
- Central administration (3)
 - Principles of Dhamma (3)
 - Impact of Dhamma on Ashoka's Imperial policy. (3)

Q9. Various causes were responsible for the Reformation :

a. Dissatisfaction with the practices of Catholic Church played an important role. In this context, answer the following :

- i. Economic factors (3)
- ii. Corruption in Church (3)
- iii. Movements against the Church (3)

Q10. a. Causes and learning were developed by Scholars. In this context answer the following :

- i. Immediate cause of Reformation. (3)
- ii. New Learning (3)
- iii. The Council of Treat (3)

* Attempt all questions :

- 1. Mention two best practices of our school. (1)
- 2. Name the D.C. of East Singhbhum? (1)
- 3. Who is Education Minister of Jharkhand? (1)
- 4. Name the Chief Minister of Gujrat? (1)
- 5. Who wrote the National Anthem of India? (1)