

Half Yearly Examination 2017-2018

Std. : VIII
Subject : HISTORY / CIVICS

Full Marks : 80
Time : 2 Hrs.+15min.

Section A is compulsory. (Q1, Q2 and Q3).
Section B Part I, attempt any two questions.
Section B Part II, attempt any three questions.

Section A

Q1. Answer these questions :

[1x10=10]

- Write the full form of UNESCO.
- Under whose guidance all the agencies like WHO, UNESCO and UNICEF work ?
- When is World Health Day observed ?
- When was UNICEF awarded the Noble Peace Prize ?
- What is UNICEF called today ?
- How does UNICEF raise funds for children ?
- What is fumigation ?
- How can you help the lesser privileged children ?
- Who helps the countries to preserve their cultural heritage ?
- What is the slogan of WHO ?

Q2. Answer these questions :—

[2x10=20]

- Who led the abolitionist movement in America ? Which society was founded by him ?
- Name any four crops cultivated by the Southern American States.
- When did Lincoln become the president of USA ? Name any two states which seceded from the union.
- When did the American Civil War begin ? For how long did it continue ?
- What was 'bhatt'a ?
- Which new title was given to the governor General after 1857 and why ?
- What do you mean by 'regiment' and martial races ?
- How were the traditional industries of India ruined ?
- Which movement marked the beginning of the Modern Period ? Which industry was the first to be mechanized ?
- Who were capitalists ? Name the two social classes which were the result of capitalism.

Q3. Answer these questions in brief.

[1x5=5]

- (a) Who is the author of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' ?
- (b) Name the Rajya Sabha MP who resigned recently from the membership of Rajya Sabha.
- (c) Who was the first soldier to protest against the greased cartridges ?
- (d) Name the diseases against which a mass immunization drive takes place in India every few months, especially on Sundry.
- (e) Name any two 'World Heritage Sites' declared by UNO, which are in India.

Section B

Part I

Answer any two questions.

Q4. With reference to this picture, answer these questions —

- (a) In which year was this organization established ?
What is the name of the organization ?
Where are its headquarters ?



(1+1+1)

- (b) Mention any four functions of this organization.
- (c) What does UNO seek to promote ?

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Q5. With reference to UNICEF, answer these —

- (a) When was UNICEF established & why ?
- (b) Where are its headquarters ? What does it strive to improve ?
- (c) Mention any four functions of UNICEF.

[1+2]

[1+1]

[4]

Q6. With reference to the cultural heritage ? answer these question —

- (a) When was UNESCO established ? What is its full form ? Where are its headquarters ?
- (b) What are its primary objectives ?
- (c) Write any four functions of UNESCO.

[1+1+1]

[2]

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Part II

Answer any three questions.

Q7. The modern period is characterized by greater interaction among the countries of the world.

In this context, answer these questions —

- (a) What is Industrialization ? Which country was the first to be industrialized ?
- (b) How did the colonists explain the colonies economically ?
- (c) What is deurbanization ?
Name the two textile centers of Britain.
Mention any two inventions of the modern world.

[1+1]

[3]

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[1]

Q8. With reference to the causes of the American Civil War, answer these questions —

- (a) Explain the term plantation & tariff. [1½+1½]
- (b) How were the economies of the North and the South America different ? [4]
- (c) What was the name of the new nation established in America during the civil war ? Who become its president ? [1+1]

Q9. Abraham Lincoln played a crucial role during the American civil war. In this context explain —

- (a) How were the Afro Americans treated ? [2]
- (b) Any four points of the speech given by President Lincoln at Gettysburg. [4]
- (c) Any three things which Lincoln mentioned in the letter written by him to his son's headmaster. [3]

Q10. The uprising of 1857 was a result of accumulated grievances of Indians. In this context, answer these questions —

- (a) How did the peasants suffer under the British rule ? [2]
- (b) What was Doctrine of Lapse ? Who exacted it ? name any one ruler who taught against it. [1+1+1]
- (c) (i) Mention any two grievances of the Indian soldiers ? [2]
- (ii) What was the greased cartridges incident ? [2]

Q11. British policies in India under went many changes after 1858. In this context answer these questions —

- (a) Why did the uprising fail ? [2]
- (b) Mention any three changes brought in the army. [3]
- (c) (i) Who become the first viceroy of India after 1857 ? [1]
- (ii) Mention any three changes made by British to strengthen their hold over India. [3]