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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.

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Attempt all questions from Part-I (compulsory)- A total of Five questions are to be attempted from Part-II, two out of three from Section A and three out of five questions from Section B. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

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**PART I****(Attempt all questions from this part)****Question 1****[16]****Choose the correct answer:**

i) Who appoints the Election Commissioners?

- (a) President of India (b) Prime Minister of India  
(c) Chief Justice of India (d) Act of Parliament

ii) Where was the Panchayati Raj system inaugurated ?

- (a) Nagaur , Rajasthan (b) Amritsar, Punjab  
(c) Ajmer, Rajasthan (d) Bhatinda, Punjab

iii) The Deputy Commissioner of a Municipal Committee belongs to which cadre?

- (a) IPS (b) IAS  
(c) IFS (d) IRS

iv) \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the 'First Citizen' who represents the city at various ceremonies.

- (a) The Alderman (b) The Mayor  
(c) The President (d) The Commissioner

v) Name the courts which are competent to issue writs.

- (a) Supreme Court (b) High Courts

- (c) Both (a) and (b) (d) None of the above
- vi) On the basis of which plan was the Constituent Assembly constituted?
- (a) Cabinet Mission Plan (b) Mountbatten Plan
- (c) Cripps Mission (d) None of the above
- vii) Who invented 'The Flying Shuttle' which increased the speed of weaving?
- (a) John Key (b) James Hargreaves
- (c) Richard Arkwright (d) Jenny
- viii) What is Simony?
- (a) Practice of joining priesthood (b) Practice of church offices given to the highest bidder
- (c) Practice of penance on behalf of a sinner (d) None of the above
- ix) Who is known as the 'Bard of Avon'?
- (a) Dante (b) Nicolaus Copernicus
- (c) William Shakespeare (d) Donatello
- x) Which language was originally known as 'Zaban-e-Hindvi'?
- (a) Hindi (b) Urdu
- (c) Sanskrit (d) Persian
- xi) The method decoration of the walls of the Taj Mahal is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) inlay work (b) Chhatris
- (c) pietra dura (d) Sculpture
- xii) Name the first ruler of Delhi to lay the foundation of a permanent standing army.
- (a) Alauddin Khilji (b) Shihabuddin Masud
- (c) Muhammad Bin Tughlaq (d) Jauna Khan
- xiii) What information do the inscription provide about the Cholas?
- (a) Chola Administration (b) Public Registrations
- (c) Taxation (d) All of the above
- xiv) According to Fa-hien which of the following was a major city in the Gupta empire?
- (a) Rajagriha (b) Varshali
- (c) Patliputra (d) Mathura

xv) \_\_\_\_\_ was levied as a religious tribute.

(a) Bali

(b) Bhaga

(c) Toll Tax

(d) Bal Tax

xvi) The Rig Vedic economy was primarily

(a) Agricultural

(b) Military

(c) Pastoral

(d) Nomadic

## Question 2

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(i) Name the four Vedas.

(ii) Give the meaning of Buddha and Tathagat.

(iii) What is a stupa? Name one stupa built by Ashoka.

(iv) Who was Karl Marx? Name his outstanding work.

(v) What was known as the Letter of Indulgence.

(vi) Who is the head of the village Panchayat? What is the remuneration of this person?

(vii) What is known as Municipal Committee? Who is the head of the Municipal Committee?

## PART II

### Section A

(Attempt any two questions from this Section.)

#### Question 4

With regard to the Municipal Corporation, answer the following questions:

(i) Distinguish between Municipal Corporation and Municipal Committee. [3]

(ii) Describe the three wings of the Municipal Committee. [3]

(iii) What is the role of the Deputy Commissioner at the district level? [4]

#### Question 5

With reference to the Panchayat Samiti, answer the following questions:

(i) What is known as the Panchayat Samiti? Who is the head of the Panchayat Samiti? How is he appointed? [3]

(ii) State the composition of the Panchayat Samiti. [3]

(iii) List four functions of the Panchayat Samiti.

[4]

### Question 6

With reference to the Fundamental Duties, answer the following:

(i) What are known as Fundamental Duties?

[3]

(ii) Give any three Fundamental Duties?

[3]

(iii) What is the importance of these Duties?

[4]

### Section B

(Attempt any three questions from this Section.)

### Question 7

With reference to the given pictures, answer the question that follow:



(i) Name the Bhakti Saints given in the pictures. Where were they born?

[3]

(ii) How did the Sufi and the Bhakti movements foster the growth of Indo-Islamic culture?

[3]

(iii) Mention any two teachings of each of these two saints.

[4]

### Question 8

With reference to the rise of Capitalism, answer the following questions:

(i) What were the causes for the rise of Capitalism?

[3]

(ii) What was the impact of Capitalism on the working class?

[3]

(iii) How did it give rise to Socialism?

[4]

### Question 9

**With reference to the Reformation, answer the following question:**

- (i) Mention any three Church practices that caused dissatisfaction among the people. [3]
- (ii) How did New Learning become a factor that led to the Reformation? [3]
- (iii) Who were the Protestants? By what other names was Protestantism known? [4]

### Question 10

**With reference to the Mughal rule, state briefly:**

- (i) Akbar's policy towards the Rajputs. [3]
- (ii) Akbar's policy of religious tolerance. [3]
- (iii) Social reforms introduced by Akbar. [4]