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PRACTICE PAPER FOR SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I

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STD:- VIII

Sub: - Social Science

Time:- 3 Hours

Marks:- 90

General Instructions:-

1. There are 31 questions in all.
2. Marks for each question are indicated against it.
3. All questions are compulsory.
4. Write the same question number as given in the question paper.
5. Answer to MCQ of 1 mark should be out of (a), (b), (c) and (d) only.
6. Answer to questions of 3 marks should not exceed 60 words each.
7. Answer to questions of 5 marks should not exceed 120 words each.
8. Map should be attached within the answer sheet

- 1) What is the percentage of fresh water on earth's surface?
(a) 96% (b) 90% 1
(c) 4% (d) 8%
- 2) Which of the following is a Multipurpose River Valley project in USA?
(a) Bhakra Nangal (b) Hoover 1
(c) Hirakud (d) Aswan
- 3) In which year was the wildlife conservation project launched in India? 1
(a) 1973 (b) 1963
(c) 1983 (d) 1993
- 4) Which of the following is not a feature of Mediterranean Forest? 1
(a) They receive rainfall during summer (b) They have spiny leaves
(c) They have long roots (d) They are widely scattered
- 5) The Modern Period of Indian history began in _____ century. 1
(a) 16th (b) 17th
(c) 15th (d) 18th
- 6) Among the following, who helped British in suppressing the mutiny? 1
(a) The Sikhs (b) The Gurkhas
(c) The Nizams (d) The Scindias
(e)

- 7) Who led the revolt in Kanpur? 1
 (a) Tantya Tope (b) Nana Saheb
 (c) Begum Hazrat Mahal (d) Rani Lakshmi Bai
- 8) Which amendment of the Constitution introduced the word secular in the Preamble? 1
 (a) 42nd (b) 48th
 (c) 30th (d) 40th
- 9) Which of the following subjects is not coming under Union List? 1
 (a) Defence (b) Foreign affairs
 (c) Railways (d) Police
- 10) How many members of the Lok Sabha are directly elected by the people from different states? 1
 (a) 543 (b) 530
 (c) 540 (d) 520
- 11) The utilization of resources depends on various factors. Mention any six. 3
- 12) What is soil erosion? Discuss any two methods of soil conservation. 1+2
- 13) Differentiate between Tropical Evergreen Forest and Tropical Deciduous Forest. 3
- 14) Explain the importance of wildlife. Enlist any two measures adopted by the government to preserve wildlife. 1+2
- OR
- Temperature and rainfall affect the distribution of natural vegetation. Justify the statement. Name the type of forest found in Amazon basin. 2+1
- 15) Name any two sources of information of modern period. How do they provide us information? 3
- 16) Explain the meaning of Dual Government in Bengal. Who abolished this system? 2+1
- 17) What is the other name of Permanent Settlement? Describe any two features of this revenue settlement. 1+2
- 18) Who introduced Doctrine of Lapse? How did it create resentment among the Indian rulers? 1+2
- OR
- Explain any three economic causes of the Revolt of 1857. 3
- 19) Which features of the Constitution make India a federal state? 2+1
 What is Universal Adult Franchise?
- 20) Enumerate the Fundamental Rights given to us by the Constitution. 3

- 21) Which house of the Parliament is called lower house?
What are the qualifications to become a member of this house? 1+2
- 22) Describe any three legislative powers of the Parliament. 3
- OR
- Mention any three functions of the Lok Sabha Speaker.
- 23) What is sustainable development? Mention any three methods to achieve sustainable development. 2+3
- 24) (A) Large dams have come under a lot of criticism from environmentalists. Justify the statement by giving three suitable arguments. 3+2
(B) Discuss the cause and effect of river pollution.
- OR
- Name the type of forest found in higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere. 1+3+1
Mention any three features of this type of forest. Name two trees found in this forest.
- 25) What was the main cause of the Third Anglo Mysore War? Mention any two results of the war. How many wars were fought between the British and Mysore? 1+3+1
- 26) Why were the Indian farmers forced to grow commercial crops by the British? Explain with special reference to opium and cotton. How did the British destroy Indian cotton textile industries? 2+3
- OR
- Explain the impact of British policies on the life of tribals. How did Birsa Munda lead the revolt against the British? 3+2
- 27) Analyse the causes of the failure of the Revolt of 1857. 5
- 28) Describe any three key features of the Indian Constitution. State any two procedures of amendment of Indian Constitution. 3+2
- 29) What is Secularism? Explain the main provisions under the Right to Freedom of Religion. 1+4
- 30) Distinguish between the Union List and State List by giving examples. 5
- OR
- Explain the division of legislative powers between the Union Government and the State Governments. Why did our Constitutional framers advocate this system? 4+1
- 31) 1) Two features A and B are shown in the outline map of the world. Identify these features with the help of the following information and write their correct names on the lines marked on the map. 4
(A) Continent with low rainfall
(B) A forest type
- 2) On the same outline map of the world, locate and label the following items.
(C) One region of high rainfall in Africa
(D) One region of temperate softwood forests in North America

