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INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2025



SOCIAL SCIENCE (087)

Class: VIII

Date: 23-09-2025

Time: 3 hrs

Maximum Marks: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The question paper comprises Five Sections – A, B, C, D and E. There are 38 questions in the Question paper. All questions are compulsory.
2. Section A – From questions 1 to 20 are objective type carries 1 mark each.
3. Section B – Question no. 21 to 24 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each.
Answer to each question should not exceed 40 words.
4. Section C – Question no. 25 to 32 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each.
5. Section D – Question no. 33 to 37 are long answer type questions, carrying 5 marks each.
7. Section E – Question no. 38 is map based, carrying 3 marks.

SECTION A		
Q.NO	MCQs (7X1=7)	MARKS
1	Who was the celebrated ruler under whom the Vijayanagara Empire reached its peak in the 16th century? a) Bukka Raya I b) Harihara II c) Krishnadevaraya d) Deva Raya II	1
2	Which of the following is a key feature of democracy? a) Hereditary rule b) Free and fair elections c) No political parties d) Military rule	1
3	Horticulture means a) Growing of fruits and vegetables. b) Primitive farming. c) Growing of wheat d) Cultivation of grapes.	1
4	There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Mark your answer as per the codes provided below	1

	Assertion (A) - Time and technology are two important factors that can change substances into resources Reason (R) Both are related to the needs of the people. a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A c) A is correct but R is wrong d) A is wrong but R is correct	
5	Read the following two statements and choose the correct option. Statement A – Education and health help in making people a valuable resource. Statement B – Improving the quality of people’s skills so that they are able to create more resources is known as human resource development. a) Statement A and Statement B are correct. b) Statement A and Statement B are wrong. c) Statement A is correct, but Statement B is wrong d) Statement A is wrong, but Statement B is correct	1
6	Which of the following would NOT be considered a part of 'land' in economics? a) Soil b) Water c) Software d) Minerals	1
7	The Japanese concept "Kaizen" refers to: a) Industrial revolution b) Traditional farming techniques c) Continuous improvement d) Technological invention	1
	Fill in the blanks: (7 × 1 = 7)	
8	When Akbar finally broke into the Chittorgarh Fort, hundreds of Rajput women, led by their queens and noble women, committed _____ to avoid capture and dishonour.	1
9	The capital of India, where the Central Government is located, is _____.	1
10	The Indian Constitution was adopted on _____.	1
11	_____ is the staple diet of the tropical and sub-tropical regions.	1
12	Using resources carefully and giving them time to get renewed is called _____.	1
13	_____ helps individuals gain knowledge, from basic literacy to advanced expertise in specific fields.	1
14	The Adult Literacy Rate in India as of 2023 is 85% for males and _____ for females.	1
	Name the following (6 × 1 = 6)	
15	The form of monarchy where the monarch's powers are limited by a constitution.	1
16	The Head of the Government in a state.	1
17	The president of the Constituent Assembly of India.	1
18	Name the leading producer of coffee in the world.	1
19	The benefit a country receives from having a large number of young, working people.	1
20	The rate that measures the percentage of people aged 15 and above who can read and write.	1
	SECTION B	2 MARKS
	VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (4 x 2 = 8)	
21	Write a short note on the Rise of The Delhi Sultanate in India.	2
22	Define India’s federal structure.	2

23	What is agriculture? Name the factors influencing agriculture?	2
24	Why are resources distributed unequally over the earth?	2
	SECTION C	3 MARKS
	SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (8x3=24)	
25	Write a note on The Vijayanagara Empire?	3
26	Explain the characteristics of Theocracy Government.	3
27	“Power sharing is essential for India” - Justify the statement.	3
28	Explain the three levels of government in India and their main responsibilities.	3
29	Explain the features of parliamentary form of government.	3
30	Distinguish between the followings. Subsistence farming and Commercial farming.	3
31	Differentiate between Renewable and Non-Renewable resources.	3
32	Explain the three different types of resources.	3
	SECTION D	5 MARKS
	LONG ANSWER-BASED QUESTIONS (5X5=25)	
33	Compare and contrast the administrative systems of Delhi Sultanate and The Mughals.	5
34	Name and explain the five different types of government.	5
35	What do you mean by separation of powers? Explain.	5
36	Give reasons. (i) In India agriculture is a primary activity. (ii) Different crops are grown in different regions.	5
37	What responsibilities do businesses have towards the factors of production?	5
	SECTION E	
	MAP SKILL-BASED QUESTION (3x1=3)	
38	"On the given outline map of India, mark and label the following." a) Delhi b) Konark c) Madurai	3 × 1 = 3

