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SOCIAL SCIENCE (087)

Class: VIII
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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- ↗ This question paper contains 5 pages and 38 questions in all.
- ↗ All questions are compulsory.
- ↗ Attach the map inside the answer booklet

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1	Who wrote the Marathi play named Devendra Kuravanji? (A) Bhushan. (B) Afzal Khan (C) Serfoji II. (D) Sambhaji	1
2	Study the following two statements and choose the correct option. Statement A - Shivaji commissioned a treatise called Rājya-Vyavahāra Koṣha with the aim of promoting the Persian language. Statement B – Shivaji rebuilt desecrated temples, promoted Sanskrit and Marathi literature, religious institutions, and traditional arts. (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
3	Which among the following is not correct in relation with the mighty Maratha woman Tarabai? (A) Tarabai was a fearless Maratha warrior queen who ruled in the early 18th century after the death of her husband Rajaram. (B) She organised large Maratha armies and sent them to invade Mughal territories in the north. (C) Her sense of military strategy and her tenacity outsmarted the Mughal Empire and preserved Maratha independence during a critical period. (D) Tarabai is also credited with promoting the Maheshwar weaving industry in Madhya Pradesh, revitalising traditional handloom crafts that continue to thrive today.	1
4	The Battle of Colachel (1741) is significant because (A). British defeated the French (B). Indians defeated the Portuguese (C). Travancore defeated the Dutch (D). Marathas defeated the British	1

5	The Doctrine of Lapse resulted in (A). Promotion of Indian rulers (B). Annexation of states without male heirs (C). Protection of princely states (D). End of British rule	1
6	Which of the following is correctly matched? (A). Santhal Rebellion – Indigo plantation (B). Indigo Revolt – Bengal peasants against planters (C). Kol Uprising – French rule (D). Vellore Mutiny – Doctrine of Lapse	1
7	Who was the first Indian to be elected to the British House of Commons? (A). Raja Ram Mohan Roy (B). Dr. Rajendra Prasad (C). Jawaharlal Nehru (D). Dadabhai Naoroji	1
8	What is the main purpose of having reserved seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Lok Sabha? (A) To decrease the number of candidates (B) To provide fair representation to marginalized groups. (C) To increase election expenses. (D) To make elections faster.	1
9	_____ is the chairperson of the Rajya Sabha (A). The president (B). Speaker (C). The Vice President (D) Prime Minister	1
10	The first general elections in independent India were held in _____. (A). 1947- 1948 (B). 1949- 1950 (C). 1951- 1952 (D) 1953- 1954	1
11	The states having a bicameral system are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, and (A). Tamil Nadu (B). Kerala (C). Madhya Pradesh (D)Uttar Pradesh	1
12	Study the following two statements and choose the correct option. Statement A - The Members of Parliament (MPs) in the Rajya Sabha are elected directly by the electoral college Statement B – The people of India choose their representatives for the Lok Sabha through a direct election (based on universal adult suffrage) (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
13	Which among the following is not correctly matched? (A) Old Parliament building of India - Samvidhan Sadan (B) Lok Sabha - House of the People (C) The Rajya Sabha - Council of States. (D) Legislative council - Lower House of the Parliament	1
14	Study the following two statements and choose the correct option. Statement A – The names of Great Lakes are Superior, Huron, Ontario, Michigan and Erie. Statement B – Lake Erie is the largest of these five lakes.	1

	(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.	
15	There are two statements given below, marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option. Assertion (A): Steel is often called the backbone of modern industry Reason (R): Special alloys of steel can be made by adding small amounts of other metals such as aluminium, nickel, and copper. (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	1
16	Manufacturing of fish oil is an example of _____ based industry. (A) Agro (B) Marine (C) Forest (D) Mineral	1
17	_____ is a steel city in the USA. (A) Jamshedpur (B) Minnesota (C) Pittsburg (D) Burnpur,	1
18	Match the following and choose the correct option. 1. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna - (a) In-migration 2. Osaka - (b) Out-migration 3. Immigration - (c) Japan 4. Emigration - (d) to train one crore Indian youth from 2016 to 2020. (A) 1(a), 2(b), 3(c), 4(d). (B) 1(c), 2(d), 3(b), 4(a). (C) 1(d), 2(c), 3(a), 4(b). (D) 1(b), 2(a), 3(d), 4(c).	1
19	There are two statements given below, marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option. Assertion (A): Human resources occupy greater importance in production than natural resources and material resources. Reason (R): Human labour transforms the natural and material resources into finished products.. (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	1
20	The difference between birth rate and death rate is termed as (A) Population explosion (B) Population density (C) Natural growth rate (D) Population pyramid	1
SECTION-B		
21	Highlight the cultural contributions of the Marathas.	2
22	Indians funded their own subjugation." What does this mean in the context of British infrastructure projects in India like the railway and telegraph networks?	2
23	What is universal adult franchise? How is it practiced in India?	2
24	What is India's parliamentary system, and how is it structured?	2
25	Why are people considered as a resource?	2

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