

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024

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Standard - VIII**Time : 2.30 hrs****SOCIAL SCIENCE****Marks: 100****Part - I****I. Choose the correct answer:****14×1=14**

- 1) The Treaty of Pondicherry brought the _____ Carnatic War to an end.
a) First b) Second c) Third d) None
- 2) Sir William Hawkins belonged to _____
a) Portugal b) Spain c) England d) France
- 3) What was the Mahal in the Mahalwari system?
a) House b) Land c) Village d) Palace
- 4) When did UNESCO declare Nalanda as a World Heritage site?
a) 2006 b) 2007 c) 2008 d) 2009
- 5) Fort St. George was constructed by the British in _____
a) Bombay b) Cuddalore c) Madras d) Calcutta
- 6) Ideal soil for growing cotton is _____
a) Red soil b) Black soil c) Alluvial soil d) Mountain soil
- 7) The earth receives energy from _____
a) current b) electro magnetic radiation c) waves d) heat
- 8) Consider the given statements and choose the correct option from the given ones
Statement (A): Urbanisation is mainly due to the movement of people from rural to cities.
Reason (R): Rural to Urban migration is not a predominant one.
a) A is correct but R is incorrect b) Both A and R are incorrect
c) Both A and R are correct d) A is incorrect and R is correct
- 9) _____ percentage of nitrogen is present in the air
a) 78.09% b) 74.08% c) 80.07% d) 76.63%
- 10) Iron and steel and cement industries are the examples of _____ Industries
a) Agro based b) Mineral based c) Forest based d) Marine based
- 11) The age of retirement of the Judges of the High Court is _____
a) 62 b) 64 c) 65 d) 58
- 12) In 1995 women from all over the world gathered at _____
a) Beijing b) New York c) Delhi d) None
- 13) What are the causes for the road accidents?
a) Over speeding b) Drunken Driving c) Distraction to drivers d) All of these
- 14) Who designed the symbol (₹) of Indian Rupee?
a) Udayakumar b) Amarhya sen c) Abijith Banerjee d) None of these

Part - II**II. Answer any 10 questions. Q.No (28 is compulsory)****10×2=20**

- 15) Why Prince Henry is called "Henry the Navigator"?
- 16) Name the states signed into subsidiary Alliance.
- 17) What was the immediate cause of the Revolt of 1857?
- 18) What do you know about Nalanda University?
- 19) Write about the Drain Theory.
- 20) State the types of soils?
- 21) Define "hydrological cycle"?
- 22) Mention the types of drought.

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- 23) Name the factors responsible for the location of industries?
- 24) What are the important rivers of Africa?
- 25) How is the Chief Minister appointed?
- 26) Mention any three qualities of a good citizen.
- 27) What are Human Rights?
- 28) What is meant by Black money?

Part - III

III. Answer any 10 questions. Q.No (42 is compulsory)

10×5=50

- 29) Fill in the blanks:
 - i) _____ was called as "lion" of Sivagangal
 - ii) Industrial revolution took place in _____
 - iii) There are _____ phases in the water cycle.
 - iv) Our Indian constitution provides for only _____ citizenship.
 - v) In the _____ year Reserve Bank of India was established.
- 30) Describe the policy adopted by Lord Dalhousie to expand the British empire in India.
- 31) What were the causes for the failure of the Revolt of 1857?
- 32) Write in detail about the plantation industries.
- 33) Classify and explain the soil
- 34) Discuss the problems of Urbanisation.
- 35) Elaborately discuss the effects of water pollution.
- 36) Distinguish between: i) Weather and climate ii) Hazards and disasters
Give Reasons: Temperature decreases with increase in altitude.
- 37) Match the following

i) The British	-	Lakshmi Bai
ii) Jhansi	-	1600
iii) Coal	-	Tax evaders
iv) Legislative Assembly	-	Anthracite
v) Black money	-	Lower House
- 38) State true (or) false
 - i) Ananda Rangam was a translator served under British
 - ii) Naladiyar was the contribution of Jains
 - iii) Humidity is calculated by Aneroid Barometer
 - iv) There is state religion in India
 - v) USA has single citizenship
- 39) Discuss the powers and functions of the Chief Minister.
- 40) Explain the factors contributed for road accidents.
- 41) What are two effects of black money on economy.
- 42) Mark the following places on the river map of India
 - i) Calicut ii) Calcutta iii) Plassey iv) Delhi v) Nalanda

Part - IV

IV. Answer the following questions:-

2×8=16

- 43) a) Give an account of the sources of modern India. (OR)
- b) Discuss the merits and demerits of the permanent settlement.
- 44) Mark the following places on the map of World
 - i) Tokyo ii) New Delhi iii) Mexico city iv) Paris v) London
 - vi) Africa vii) Asia viii) North America
