

HSS

# HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2024

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

8 - Std



Time : 3.00 Hrs

Marks : 100

**I Choose the correct answer.**

14 x 1 = 14

1. The ruler of Bengal in 1757 was \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Shuja-ud-daulah (b) Siraj - ud - daulah (c) Mir Qasim (d) Tipu Sultan
2. In which region was the Ryotwari system not introduced by the British?  
(a) Bombay (b) Madras (c) Bengal (d) None of these
3. Tiruchirapalli proclamation was issued by \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Marudu brothers (b) Krishnappa Nayak (c) Velu Nachiyar (d) Dheeran Chinnamalai
4. When did UNESCO declare Nalanda as a world heritage site?  
(a) 2006 (b) 2007 (c) 2008 (d) 2009
5. What was not the reason for the decline of Indian Industries?  
(a) Loss of royal patronage (b) Competition of machine made goods  
(c) Industrial policy of India (d) Trading policy of British
6. Which of the following is known as sphere of rocks?  
(a) Atmosphere (b) Biosphere (c) Lithosphere (d) Hydrosphere
7. Water that is good enough to drink is called \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Ground water (b) Surface water (c) Potable water (d) Artesian water
8. The migration in search of fertile agricultural land is \_\_\_\_\_ migration.  
(a) Rural to Rural (b) Rural to Urban  
(c) Urban to Rural (d) Urban to Urban
9. Tertiary activity is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ types  
(a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 5
10. The southernmost tip of Africa is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Cape Blanca (b) Cape Agulhas (c) Cape of Good Hope (d) Cape Town
11. Who does not participate in the appointment of the High Court Judge?  
(a) Governor (b) Chief Minister (c) Chief Justice of the High Court (d) President of India
12. Human Rights Day \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 9<sup>th</sup> December (b) 10<sup>th</sup> December (c) 11<sup>th</sup> December (d) 12<sup>th</sup> December
13. **Assertion (A):** Road signs are easy to comprehend.  
**Reason (R):** They are mostly pictorial.  
(a) A is true but R is false. (b) Both A and R is true and R is the correct explanation of A.  
(c) A is false but R is true. (d) Both A and R is true. R is not the correct explanation of A.
14. Which metals were used for metallic money?  
(a) Gold (b) Silver (c) Bronze (d) All the above

**II Match the followings.**

6 x 1 = 6

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|------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 15. (a) Geldria Fort   | - | Equal Snowfall               |
| (b) Delhi              | - | Active Volcano               |
| (c) Barren Island      | - | 1829                         |
| (d) Isonif             | - | Bahadur Shah II              |
| (e) Sati Abolition Act | - | Consumer's disposable income |
| (f) Savings            | - | Pulicat                      |

**III Fill in the blanks.**

5 x 1 = 5

16. The main cause for the Second Carnatic war was \_\_\_\_\_.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ rightly regarded as the 'Father of Local Self - Government in India'.
18. Hazards may lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

19. An Indian citizen who is residing outside India and holds an Indian passport are called \_\_\_\_\_.

20. Electronic banking is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV True / False.**

5 x 1 = 5

21. Auto biography is one of the written sources.
22. India was famous for cotton and silk cloths.
23. The term secularism has been derived from the Greek word.
24. Volcanic mountains are covered with sedimentary rocks.
25. Cities and towns are the major polluters of environment.

**V Distinguish.**

5 x 2 = 10

26. Soil conservation and Soil erosion.
27. Weather and Climate.
28. Flood and Drought.
29. Earthquake and Tsunami.
30. Large scale industries and small scale industries.

**VI Give reasons.**

5 x 1 = 5

31. Igneous rocks are found in the regions of volcanoes.
32. Temperature decreases with increase in altitude.
33. Infiltration of water is low in the region of non-porous soil.
34. Fresh water is less on the earth.
35. Antarctica is called the 'Continent of Scientists'.

**VII Give short answers (Any 10 Questions).**

10 x 2 = 20

36. Why Prince Henry is called 'Henry the Navigator'?
37. Name the states signed into Subsidiary Alliance.
38. Bring out the effects of the Vellore revolt.
39. Write about the drain theory.
40. Define 'rock'.
41. Write a short note on Aquifer.
42. What is Urbanisation?
43. Why should not we construct houses at foothill areas?
44. Mention any three qualities of a good citizen.
45. What are Human Rights?
46. What are the direct consequences of road accidents?
47. What is meant by Black Money?

**VIII Answer the following questions in detail.**

4 x 5 = 20

48. Discuss the merits and demerits of the Permanent settlement. (OR)  
Discuss the essential features of learning in Jaina and Buddhist monasteries.
49. List out the weather elements and associated measuring instruments. (OR)  
Classify the industries through a flow chart.
50. Discuss the powers and functions of the Chief Minister. (OR)  
Secularism is necessary for a country like India. Justify.
51. Write about the evolution of Money. (OR)  
What are the difference between savings and investment?

**IX Mark the following places in an India outline map.**

10 x 1 = 10

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| (i) Punjab            | (ii) Meerut     | (iii) Agra  | (iv) Vikramshila |
| (v) Barrackpore       | (vi) Jamshedpur | (vii) Kheda | (viii) Wandiwash |
| (ix) Srirangapattinam | (x) Arabian Sea |             |                  |

**X Mark the following places in a World map.**

5 x 1 = 5

- (i) India (ii) Asia (iii) Tropic of Capricorn (iv) Temperate Zone (v) Pacific Ocean