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Virudhunagar District

Common Half Yearly Examination - December 2024



## Standard 8

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Time: 2.30 Hrs.

Marks: 100

## I. Choose the correct answer:

15×1=15

- 1) The first fort constructed by the British in India was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Fort William    b) Fort St. George    c) Agra Fort    d) Fort St. David
- 2) The Battle of Plassey was fought in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 1757    b) 1764    c) 1765    d) 1775
- 3) In which region was the Ryotwari system not introduced by the British?  
a) Bombay    b) Madras    c) Bengal    d) None of these
- 4) Velu Nachiyar was a queen of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Nagalapuram    b) Sivasiri    c) Sivagangai    d) Virupachi
- 5) The oldest industry in India was \_\_\_\_\_ Industry.  
a) Textile    b) Steel    c) Electrical    d) Fertilizers
- 6) The major components of soil is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Rocks    b) Minerals    c) Water    d) All the above
- 7) The earth receives energy from \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) current    b) electro magnetic radiation    c) waves    d) heat
- 8) Water that is good enough to drink is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Ground water    b) Surface water    c) Potable water    d) Artesian water
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of nitrogen is present in the air.  
a) 78.09%    b) 74.08%    c) 80.07%    d) 76.63%
- 10) The state council Ministers is headed by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) The Governor    b) Chief Minister    c) Speaker    d) Home Minister
- 11) Who is called the first citizen of India?  
a) The Prime Minister    b) The President  
c) The Chief Minister    d) The Chief Justice of India
- 12) In 1995 women from all over the world gathered at \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Beijing    b) New York    c) Delhi    d) None
- 13) Road safety week is celebrated in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ every year.  
a) December    b) January    c) March    d) May
- 14) Who designed the symbol (₹) of Indian Rupee?  
a) Udayakumar    b) Amartya Sen    c) Abijith Banerjee    d) None of these
- 15) Kalgoorile is famous for \_\_\_\_\_ mining.  
a) Diamond    b) Platinum    c) Silver    d) Gold

## II. Fill in the blanks:

10×1=10

- 16) \_\_\_\_\_ was described the revolt of 1857 as First war of India Independence.
- 17) \_\_\_\_\_ shortened the distance between Europe and India.
- 18) \_\_\_\_\_ rightly regarded as the Father of Local Self-Government in India.
- 19) The degree of water vapour present in the atmosphere is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20) Landslide is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ hazard.
- 21) \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest peak of Africa.
- 22) Minimum age to become an MLA is \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 23) Secularism is a part of democracy which grants \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24) United Nations Organisation was established in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25) \_\_\_\_\_ controls the speed of the vehicle.



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**III. Match the following:**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 26) The British         | - Zebra crossing            |
| 27) Treaty of Paris     | - 1098                      |
| 28) Jhansi              | - 1935                      |
| 29) Darjeeling          | - Pointed limestone pillars |
| 30) Earthquake          | - Lakshmi bai               |
| 31) Geographical factor | - Hill stations             |
| 32) Pinnacle            | - The Third Carnatic War    |
| 33) Child help line     | - Raw materials             |
| 34) Pedestrian          | - 1600                      |
| 35) Reserve Bank act    | - Tsunami                   |

5×1=5

**IV. True or False:**

- 36) Ryotwari system was introduced by Thomas Munro.  
 37) India was famous for cotton and silk cloths.  
 38) Slums are generally found in cities.  
 39) Check mirrors before changing lanes.  
 40) **Pick the odd one out:**

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|----------------|-------------------|
| a) Credit card | b) Barter system  |
| c) Debit card  | d) Online banking |

10×2=20

**V. Write short answer: (any 10)**

- 41) Give a short note on Archives.  
 42) Write a short note on Black Hole Tragedy.  
 43) What do you know about the Palayakarars? Name some of them.  
 44) Name the three Presidency cities.  
 45) Define 'Weather'.  
 46) Mention the types of drought.  
 47) Why Africa is called a "Mother Continent"?  
 48) How is the Chief Minister appointed?  
 49) What are Human Rights?  
 50) Draw traffic lights signals and indicate the meaning.  
 51) What is the Barter system?

6×5=30

**VI. Answer the following detail questions: [any 6]**

- 52) Discuss the merits and demerits of the permanent settlement.  
 53) What were the causes for the Great revolt of 1857?  
 54) Give a detailed explanation on different forms of precipitation.  
 55) Elaborately discuss the effects of water pollution.  
 56) Classify and explain the industries based on the source of raw materials.  
 57) What are the measures taken by the government to protect the children?  
 58) What are the preventive measures of road accidents?  
 59) What are the effects of black money on economy?

**VII. 60) Mark the following places on the Map of India:**

5×1=5

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|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| i) Calicut | ii) Barrackpore | iii) Jamshedpur |
| iv) Delhi  | v) Jhansi       |                 |

**61) Mark the following places on the Map of World:**

5×1=5

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|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| i) Tropic of cancer | ii) Pacific ocean | iii) Africa |
| iv) Atlantcic ocean | v) Sahara desert  |             |