

Max. Marks : 80

Duration: 2.5 hours

**Section I:** Choose the correct answer type questions.

Each question carries 1 mark:

1. Where is the Iron Pillar located?
  - a) Madhya Pradesh
  - b) Bihar
  - c) Delhi
  - d) Uttar Pradesh
  
2. Who wrote Harshavardhana's autobiography?
  - a) Kalidasa Answer any 8 questions from the following
  - b) Ashoka
  - c) Banabhatta
  - d) Xuan zang
3. Who was the most important ruler of the Satavahanas?
  - a) Gautami Balasri
  - b) Gautama Buddha
  - c) Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni
  - d) None of the above
4. An edict is
  - a) A large rock
  - b) A top part of a pillar
  - c) An official order
  - d) A single piece of stone standing by itself
5. The people of the Harappan Valley procured gold from
  - a) Afghanistan
  - b) Gujarat
  - c) Karnataka
  - d) Rajasthan

6. Name the person/persons who inherit the property after the father's death.

- a) Sons
- b) Daughters
- c) Wife
- d) Sons, daughters and wife

7. Who implements the decision taken by the Councilors?

- a) Commissioner
- b) Administrative staff
- c) Both of them
- d) None of the above

8. Providing crops with water is known as?

- a) Harvesting
- b) Weeding
- c) Irrigation
- d) Planting

9. Election to constitute a Panchayat should be completed before -

- a) Expiration of 6 months from date of its dissolution
- b) Expiration of 3 months from date of its dissolution
- c) Expiration of 1 year from date of its dissolution
- d) Expiration of 2 months from date of its dissolution

10. In a Municipal Corporation, the elected members are called

- a) Ward Councilors
- b) Ward Staff
- c) Secretary
- d) All of the above

11. Ebony is grown in which type of the following forests?

- a) Coniferous forests
- b) Tropical Thorn forests
- c) Tropical rainforests
- d) Deciduous forests

12. The Southernmost Himalayas are known as

- a) Siwaliks
- b) Himadri
- c) Himachal
- d) Aravalli

13. The internal forces of the Earth are called

- a) Exogenetic forces
- b) Denudational forces
- c) Gradational forces
- d) Endogenetic forces

14. North Temperate Zone lies between which of the following latitudes?

- a) Equator and Tropic of Capricorn
- b) Tropic of Cancer and Arctic Circle
- c) Equator and Antarctic Circle
- d) Equator and tropic of Cancer

15. Cinchona trees are found in the areas of rainfall more than

- a) 50 cm
- b) 100 cm
- c) 89cm
- d) 70 cm

Section II: Short answer type questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

Answer any 8 questions from the following

1. Mention two features of the Ajanta paintings.
2. State the extent of the Pallavas Empire
3. Describe two regions where early men lived in India.
4. Why were some of the earliest works in Tamil known as Sangam literature?
5. What does Upanishad mean?
6. What are the main teachings given by Buddha?
7. State the main principles of Ashoka's dhamma.
8. Write a short note on Nalanda.
9. What was Arikamedu? Write a short note on it.
10. What is a plateau? Name the oldest plateau of India.

Section III: Each question carries 3 marks:  
Answer any 8 questions from the following.

1. Identify the main gases and their percentages in the atmosphere.
2. Give any two differences between a map and a globe.
3. What type of vegetation is found in deserts? Give an example.
4. Why is it that in winter the temperature remains quite low in northern India?
5. Discuss any two functions of the government.
6. How did Surat become one of the cleanest cities of India?
7. Name the various other sources of income which the rural people depend on?
8. What new change has been made in the Hindu Succession Amendment Act, 2005?
9. What is the main source of income for the people of Pudupet?

Section IV: Long answer type questions. Each question carries 5 marks.  
All questions are compulsory.

1. State the various duties of Tehsildars.

OR

What is being done for the hawkers/street vendors by the Government?

2. When do farmers commit suicide in some areas? Explain in brief.

OR

How do street workers earn their living?

3. How are plateaus useful to us?

OR

Define a mountain and state its important uses.

4. What are landforms and how are they created?

OR

State the main features of the tropical rainforests?

5. Write the key elements in the democratic government?

OR

Write a short note on King Ashoka?