

ICSE Board
Class VI
History & Civics
Sample Paper - 1

Time: 2 hrs

Total Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
 2. You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
 3. The time given at the head of the paper is the time allotted for writing the answers.
 4. Attempt all questions from Part I (History) and from Part II (Civics).
 5. The intended marks of questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].
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PART - I: History

Question 1

Fill in the Blanks:

[10]

- a) Indika was the account of the _____ period written by Megasthenes.
- b) _____ was the founder of the Sunga dynasty.
- c) The Harappans traded with countries such as Mesopotamia, Persia and _____.
- d) The _____ are considered to be the fountainhead or the original source of Hindu philosophy.
- e) In ancient Rome, the most popular sport was the fight of the _____.
- f) In the 5th Century BCE, the _____ attacked Greece.
- g) The suggestion that humans had evolved from apes was first put forward by _____.
- h) The _____ proved to be the turning point of Buddha's life.
- i) _____ are royal commands issued by the rulers.
- j) The _____ is a mythological figure with the body of a lion and the head of a man.

Question 2

Match the following:

[10]

Column A	Column B
(a) Strata	(1) Anatolia
(b) Granaries	(2) Common people
(c) Epigraphy	(3) Hiuen Tsang
(d) Asia Minor	(4) Study of old inscriptions
(e) Zhou Dynasty	(5) Different levels of society
(f) Astrolabe	(6) Tribes of Early Vedic Period
(g) Plebeians	(7) Exercised control over most of Central China
(h) Bronze Age	(8) Storehouses
(i) Janas	(9) Instrument used for astronomical measurements
(j) Si-Yu-Ki	(10) 4000 BCE—2000 BCE

Question 3

Choose the correct answer:

[10]

(a) 'Jina' means the conqueror of

- i. Self
- ii. Others
- iii. Temporal Place
- iv. Spiritual plane

(b) Socrates lived and taught during the

- i. Hellenistic Age
- ii. Periclean Age
- iii. Hedonic Age
- iv. Homer Age

(c) The period after the invention of writing is known as

- i. Prehistory
- ii. Advanced history
- iii. Proto-history
- iv. History

(d) Confucianism was founded by

- i. Confucian
- ii. Confucium
- iii. Confucius
- iv. Confucio

(e) Among the early Aryans, the head of the family was known as the

- i. Grihapati
- ii. Sura
- iii. Vaishya
- iv. Amatya

(f) What was the chief occupation of the Egyptians?

- i. Agriculture
- ii. Trade
- iii. Animal husbandry
- iv. None of the above

(g) The downfall of the Gupta empire occurred during the

- i. 2nd Century CE
- ii. 10th Century CE
- iii. 7th Century CE
- iv. 6th Century CE

(h) The artisans of the Harappan Civilisation made terracotta female figurines which were probably symbolic of the

- i. Rage Goddess
- ii. Black Goddess
- iii. Mother Goddess
- iv. Cloud Goddess

(i) The stylus was a sharp pen made of reeds, bone and sometimes of

- i. Clay
- ii. Ice
- iii. Wood
- iv. Metal

(j) The city of Rome is built on the banks of the River

- i. Tigris
- ii. Tiber
- iii. Euphrates
- iv. Mississippi

Question 4

Answer any five of the following questions:

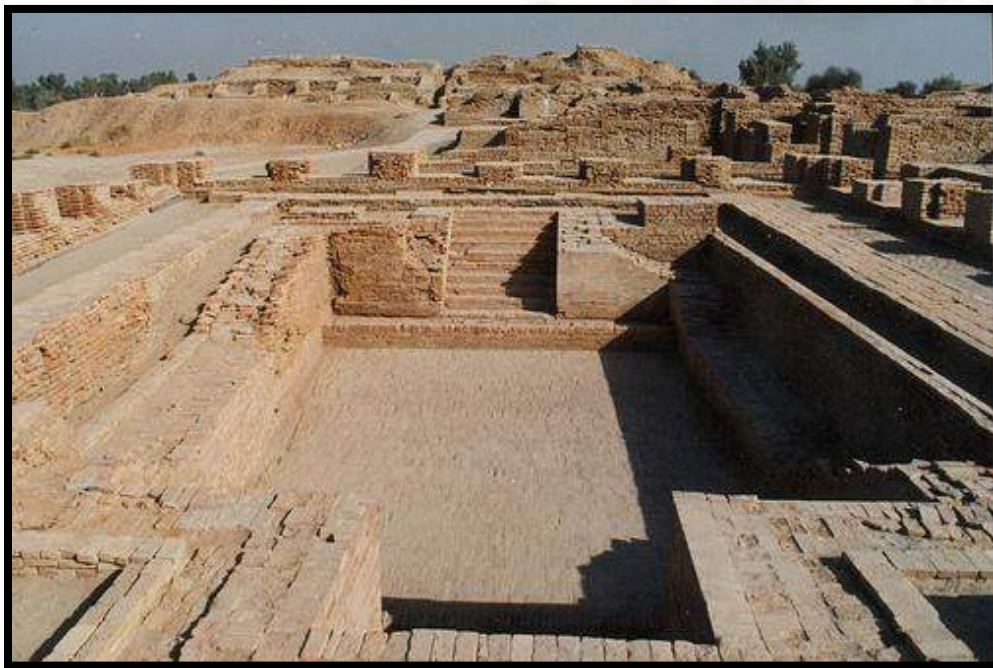
[25]

- a) Explain the state of agriculture in the Chinese society.
- b) Elaborate on Vedic literature.
- c) How developed was literature during the time of the Guptas?
- d) What reasons have been forwarded by historians for the decline of the Harappan civilisation?
- e) Elaborate on the nature of monuments and objects as archaeological sources.
- f) Elaborate on the reign of Augustus Caesar.
- g) How did the janapadas emerge?
- h) Write a short note on the organisation of the Mauryan administration.

Question 5

Picture Study:

[5]



- i) Identify the archaeological site.
- ii) Elaborate on the physical features of this site.
- iii) Write briefly about the drainage system of the Harappan cities?

PART - II: Civics

Question 1

Fill in the Blanks:

[5]

- a) A positive and healthy _____ environment enables us to appreciate the benefits of community life.
- b) Ties of a common language have led to the formation of _____ communities.
- c) The _____ builds and maintains public property so that everybody in society can use it.
- d) _____ plays a very important role in the democratic set-up of our country.
- e) A municipality functions through three organs—the Municipal Commissioner, the President and a _____.

Question 2

Choose the correct answer:

[5]

- a) What has led to the relocation of different linguistic groups to the different parts of the country?
 - i. Social mobility
 - ii. Population
 - iii. Income
 - iv. Cultural differences
- b) Who conceived the idea of 'Village Panchayat'?
 - i. Pandit. Jawaharlal Nehru
 - ii. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
 - iii. Sardar Vallabha Patel
 - iv. Mahatma Gandhi
- c) Which of the following institutions provides transport facility to urban areas?
 - i. Panchayats
 - ii. Municipal Corporation
 - iii. Town Area Committees
 - iv. All of the above
- d) Which is the largest mangrove forest in the world?
 - i. Bhitarkanika Mangroves
 - ii. Pichavaram Mangroves
 - iii. Sunderban Delta
 - iv. Kompong Sammaki

- e) Who is the head of the Municipal Corporation?
- i. Aldermen
 - ii. Chief Executive Officer
 - iii. Mayor
 - iv. Municipal Commissioner

Question 3

Answer any two of the following questions:

[10]

- a) State the compulsory and optional functions of the Gram Panchayat?
- b) What is the composition of the Municipal Corporation? Who are its members?
- c) What changes are visible in the recent community life?

