

**ICSE Board**  
**Class VIII**  
**History & Civics**  
**Sample Paper - 1**

**TIME: 2 Hours**

**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.
3. The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
4. Attempt all questions from Part I (History) and Part II (Civics).
5. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

**PART – I: History**

**Question 1**

Fill in the Blanks:

[05]

- a) Bahadur Shah Zafar was deported by the British to \_\_\_\_\_ in Burma.
- b) Awadh was annexed in 1856 on the grounds of \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) After the death of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, \_\_\_\_\_ took over the Brahmo Samaj.
- d) In 1760, the French were completely defeated at the \_\_\_\_\_ by the British.
- e) At the end of the first session of the Indian National Congress, delegates professed their loyalty to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) The rebels who fought against British rule in Punjab were called \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) Garibaldi organised a corps of volunteers called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) Whenever we talk of the Modern Period in India, it is generally accepted as the mid \_\_\_\_\_ century.
- i) The British Viceroy responsible for partitioning Bengal was \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) The Third Battle of Panipat took place in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

### Question 2

Match the following:

[05]

Column A	Column B
(a) Treaty of Amritsar	(1) Marathas
(b) Lord Minto	(2) Turk from Khurasan
(c) Treaty of Lahore	(3) Coromandel Coast
(d) Akali movement	(4) Signed between British and Ranjit Singh
(e) Nadir Shah	(5) Jhansi
(f) Invaded Mysore in 1771	(6) Governor General of India (1807 - 1813)
(g) English – official language of India	(7) 1846
(h) Doctrine of Lapse	(8) Launched by Sikh reformers
(i) Carnatic	(9) 16 <sup>th</sup> President of Unites States
(j) Abraham Lincoln	(10) 1844

### Question 3

Choose the correct answer:

[05]

- a) Who was the Nawab of Awadh at the time of its annexation in 1856?
- Mir Kasim
  - Alivardi Khan
  - Ilavardi Bangash
  - Wajid Ali Shah
- b) In which year did the Battle of Buxar take place?
- 1760
  - 1762
  - 1764
  - 1765
- c) Those who argued in favour of traditional Indian education in classical Indian languages were called
- Orientalists
  - Occidentalists
  - Anglicists
  - None of the above

- d) What was the name of the fortified factory established by the English East India Company at Calcutta?
- Fort St. George
  - Fort William
  - Fort Dale
  - Fort Williamson
- e) Under Lord Lytton's administration, the age limit for the Civil Services Examination was reduced from 21 to
- 16
  - 19
  - 17
  - 15
- f) What does the word *agraha* in the term *satyagraha* mean?
- Truth
  - Non-violence
  - Unity/Unanimity
  - Force/Eagerness
- g) Which Mughal governor was declared as the Commander-in-Chief during the revolt of 1857?
- Bahadur Shah Zafar
  - Bahadur Shah
  - Farrukhsiyar
  - Alamgir I
- h) In which century was the American continent discovered?
- 16<sup>th</sup> century
  - 17<sup>th</sup> century
  - 18<sup>th</sup> century
  - 19<sup>th</sup> century
- i) In which year did Subhas Chandra Bose become the President of the Congress for the first time?
- 1930
  - 1935
  - 1938
  - 1939
- j) Which was the first American state to break off from the Union before the onset of the Civil War?
- North Dakota
  - South Carolina
  - Utah
  - North Carolina

#### Question 4

Answer any three of the following questions:

[30]

- a)
  - (i) Explain the clauses of the Subsidiary Alliance system.
  - (ii) Explain the disadvantages of the Subsidiary Alliance system for Indian rulers.
- b)
  - (i) Describe the American political landscape on the eve of the American Civil War.
  - (ii) Briefly explain the cultural divide between the American South and the Northern American states.
- c)
  - (i) How did the American War of Independence begin?
  - (ii) What was the true nature of the conflict between the British Government and the American colonists?
- d)
  - (i) How was the Indian National Army formed?
  - (ii) Give a brief account of the political career of Subhas Chandra Bose before his association with the Indian National Army.
- e)
  - (i) Write a short note on the Arya Samaj.
  - (ii) What were the beliefs of Swami Vivekananda?

#### PART – II: Civics

#### Question 1

Fill in the Blanks:

[05]

- a) The WHO believes that \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the fundamental rights of every human being.
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ signed the Atlantic Charter later to become one of the 51 original member states.
- c) The Non-Proliferation Treaty was signed by \_\_\_\_\_ nations.
- d) In 2007, the blast inside the Mecca Masjid in \_\_\_\_\_ was caused by a cellphone-triggered pipe bomb.
- e) One of the main objectives of the UN is to develop \_\_\_\_\_ relations among nations on the basis of equality.
- f) The \_\_\_\_\_ has taken various steps to reduce rural and urban poverty in India.
- g) The \_\_\_\_\_ was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1965.
- h) UN has worked actively to end the \_\_\_\_\_ race and encouraged the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.
- i) The toy industry in India is facing stiff competition from the \_\_\_\_\_ toy industry.
- j) Serious negotiations between the superpowers led to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaties in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Question 2

Choose the correct answer:

[05]

- a) What percent of total air pollution has occurred due to rapid industrialisation and urbanisation?
- 30
  - 50
  - 67
  - 75
- b) Where is the Secretariat of SAARC located?
- Kabul, Afghanistan
  - New Delhi, India
  - Kathmandu, Nepal
  - Colombo, Sri Lanka
- c) Globalisation has led to the formation of which of the following economic organisations?
- European Union
  - European Economic Union
  - European Free Trade Union
  - International Finance Corporation
- d) In which year were all the great lakes of North America described as dead?
- 1980
  - 1956
  - 1969
  - 1975
- e) Which is one of the oldest and historically most important trade routes?
- Spice Trade Route
  - The Silk Route
  - The Incense Road
  - Amber Road
- f) Which is the largest organ of the UN?
- The Economic and Social Council
  - The General Assembly
  - The Secretariat
  - None of the above

- g) Who first coined the term 'United Nations'?
- John. F. Kennedy
  - Theodore Roosevelt
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - Andrew Jackson
- h) During the French Revolution, who unleashed unbridled violence against the enemies of the Revolution?
- Napoleon Bonaparte
  - Robespierre
  - Jean Marie Collot d'Herbois
  - Pierre Philippeaux
- i) How many children below the age of 5 die of starvation or preventable diseases every day in the world?
- 1 lakh
  - 50 thousand
  - 45 thousand
  - 35 thousand
- j) What acts as a major stumbling block to progress and development?
- Overpopulation
  - Pollution
  - Education
  - Poverty

### Question 3

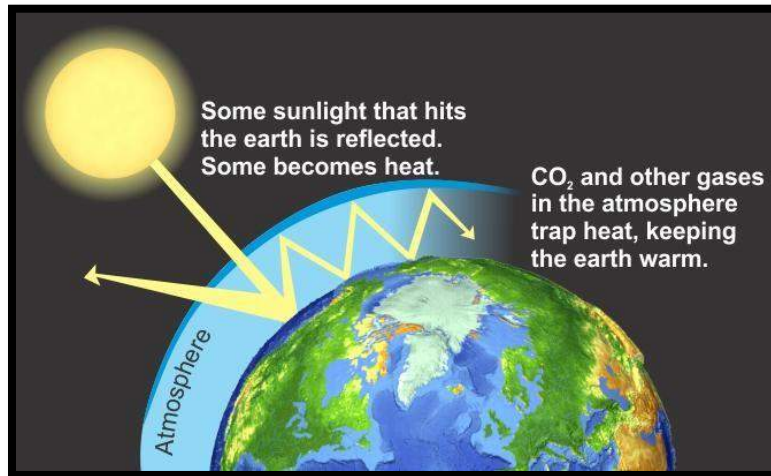
Answer any two of the following questions:

- a) [20]
- State the main reasons for India's population explosion.
  - What measures were taken by several governments to keep a check on population explosion?
- b)
- What is the Atlantic Charter? State the objectives of the Atlantic Charter.
  - State the various objectives of the UN.
- c)
- State the composition of the Security Council. Mention some important functions too?
  - Mention some of the important functions of the General Assembly..
- d)
- What is foreign policy? State the basic principles of India's foreign policy.
  - State the objectives and achievements of SAARC.

#### Question 4

Picture Study:

[05]



1. Name the effect shown in the image.
2. Define the effect.
3. State the various consequences of the mentioned effect.