

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 (Compulsory).
5. Attempt five questions Part II,
 - Two out of three questions from Section A.
 - Three out of five questions from Section B.
6. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

PART - I (30 Marks)**Question 1**

- a) Why is our Constitution also referred to as the Fundamental Law of the Land? [1]
- b) What is a political party? [1]
- c) Define a unitary form of government. [1]
- d) What is the Municipal Corporation composed of? [1]
- e) What is meant by Fundamental Rights? [1]
- f) In which part of the Indian Constitution are the Directive Principles of State Policy laid down? [1]
- g) Name the courts that are competent to issue writs. [1]
- h) What is the term of the office of the Panchayati Raj? [1]
- i) Name the fundamental right that was deleted from the list. [1]
- j) What was added to the Preamble by the 42nd Constitutional Assembly Act, 1976. [1]

Question 2

- a) Why is the Indus Valley civilisation also known as the 'Harappan civilisation'? [2]
- b) What were the Crusades? [2]
- c) To which countries did Ashoka send preachers of Buddhism? [2]
- d) Who was the minister in charge of the army under the Sultanate? What were his responsibilities? [2]
- e) When was the printing press set up in Europe for the first time? Where and by whom was it set up? [2]
- f) What is *Dharmachakrapravartana*? [2]

- g) Explain the position of the Diwan and the Mir Bakshi in the Mughal administration. [2]
- h) Where did the loyalties of the German states lie in the context of the German protestant movement? [2]
- i) Which is the oldest existing book of Tamil grammar? Who was its writer? [2]
- j) Define Socialism. [2]

PART II

Attempt any **two** questions from **Section A** and **three** questions from **Section B**.

SECTION A
CIVICS**Question 3**

With respect to the Panchayat Samiti, answer the following questions:

- a) Composition of Panchayat Samiti [4]
- b) Its functions [3]
- c) Its sources of income [3]

Question 4

With respect to the Municipal Corporation, answer the following questions:

- a) Its Composition. [4]
- b) Functions of the Mayor. [3]
- c) Functions of the Municipal Commissioner. [3]

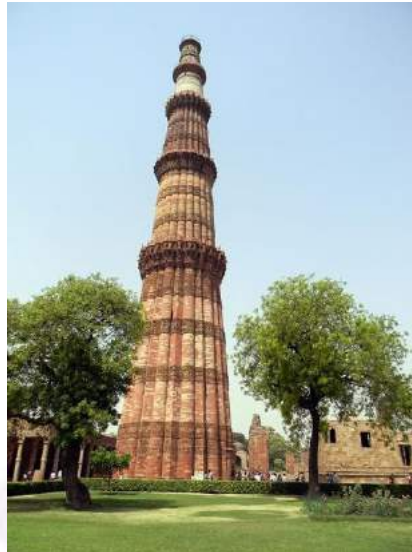
Question 5

Explain the meaning of the following terms:

- a) Liberty [3]
- b) Fraternity [4]
- c) Equality [3]

SECTION B
HISTORY**Question 6**

With reference to the Delhi Sultanate era, answer the following:



- Identify the structure in the above picture and briefly explain the architectural style the Turks brought to India. [4]
- Why 'Prithvirajraso' is not considered a strictly historical document? [3]
- Write a short note on 'Tarikh-i-Firozshahi'. [3]

Question 7

With regards to the politics of the period of Reformation, answer the following:

- How did the rivalry between the Church and the royalty manifest itself in France and England? [3]
- Why did the Church order the expulsion of Professor John Wycliffe of the Oxford University? [3]
- What was the immediate cause of the Reformation movement? [4]

Question 8

In the context of the Industrial Revolution and its technological and economic repercussions, answer the following:

- Briefly state any four causes of the Industrial Revolution. [4]
- Describe the etymology of the word 'investment'. [3]
- What were the benefits and drawbacks of the 'Spinning Jenny'? [3]

Question 9

The knowledge of the Harappan civilisation forms the basis of our understanding of Human civilisation in general, and Indian culture in particular. In the light of this statement, answer the following:

- a) Explain the events that led to the discovery of the Harappan civilisation. [4]
- b) What paradigm changing shift did the discovery of the Indus valley civilisation bring in the conceptualisation of Indian history? [3]
- c) Elaborate on the remains of the Great Bath. [3]

Question 10

With reference to the literature of the Sangam period, answer the following:

- a) Explain the phenomenon of poems as a literary source of the Sangam Age. [3]
- b) Write a short note on Tolkappiyam. [4]

Which epic is considered as the earliest and greatest of the epics of the Sangam Age? Why? [3]