

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) In which part of the Indian Constitution are the Directive Principles of State Policy laid down? [1]
- b) When did India become a Sovereign State? [1]
- c) Who is entitled to become a Voter in India? [1]
- d) Which date is referred to as the Date of Commencement of the New Constitution? [1]
- e) Which article states the eleven duties of a citizen? [1]
- f) What do you understand by the term 'Charter'? [1]
- g) Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly? [1]
- h) How many types of elections are there in India? Name them. [1]
- i) State any one point of difference between an all India party and a Regional party. [1]
- j) Name the courts that are competent to issue writs. [1]

Question 2

- a) When did the First Battle of Panipat take place? Which forces fought in it? [2]
- b) Explain briefly what Sama Veda is. [2]
- c) During which Gupta kings reign did the Hunas attack India for the first time? Which Gupta king handed them a crushing defeat later on? [2]
- d) What are the three types of inscriptions that provide information about the reign of the Cholas? [2]
- e) What is the most important manuscript produced during the Mughal period? [2]
- f) What is the Industrial Revolution? [2]

- g) How did the Renaissance artists portray humans in their works of art? [2]
- h) Name the 5 successive dynasties that ruled during the time of the Delhi sultanate. [2]
- i) What is arguably the most significant impact of the Industrial Revolution? [2]
- j) What subjects were taught at Nalanda University? [2]

PART II

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

SECTION A**CIVICS****Question 3**

Describe the role of political parties under the following headlines:

- a) Bringing together all sections of people. [3]
- b) Role as an Opposition. [3]
- c) Providing a link between the government and the people. [4]

Question 4

With reference to the powers and functions of the Election Commission, answer the following:

- a) Preparation of the Electoral Roll and Photo Identity Cards [4]
- b) Registration and recognition of Political Parties. [3]
- c) Fixing the Date and Conducting of Elections. [3]

Question 5

With respect to the Fundamental Rights, answer the following questions:

- a) State their importance. [4]
- b) Why are they not absolute? [3]
- c) When can they be restricted or suspended? [3]

SECTION B
HISTORY**Question 6**

With regards to Vedic literature, answer the following questions:

- a) In what two chronological groups can we divide the Vedic texts? [3]
- b) Explain what are Shruti and Smriti. [3]
- c) What is the Rig Veda? [4]

Question 7

The establishment of the Delhi Sultanate marked the beginning of the development of a composite, Indo-Islamic culture in India. In the context of this statement, answer the following:

- a) What do we mean by the term 'Indo-Islamic culture'? [3]
- b) What are the two phases of the growth of composite culture in India? [3]
- c) What are the factors responsible for the growth of a composite culture during the Mughal period? [4]

Question 8

With reference to the Chola kingdom in South India, answer the following:

- a) What were the characteristic features of the provincial government of the Chola kingdom? [3]
- b) Explain the territorial expansion achieved by Rajaraja I. [4]
- c) Explain the circumstances which led to the final fall of the Chola kingdom. [3]

Question 9

With reference to the archaeological remains of the Mauryan Empire, answer the following:



- a) Identify the monument in the picture and explain the peculiarities of its architectural design. [3]
- b) Explain the importance of edicts from Ashoka's reign. [3]
- c) Briefly elaborate on the Sanchi stupa. [4]

Question 10

The Mughal period remains one of the most culturally rich periods of medieval Indian history. In this context, answer the following:

- a) Write a short note on 'Ain-i-Akbari'. [4]
- b) Briefly state the architectural influences on the monuments of Fatehpur Sikri. [3]
- c) Who built the Agra fort? What is the distinctive feature of the monuments found in the fort? [3]

