

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2013 – 2014)

**CLASS X
SOCIAL SCIENCE**

Time : 3 hrs.

M.M. : 90

General Instructions :

- 1. The question paper has 30 questions in all. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. Questions from serial 1 to 9 are Multiple Choice Questions. Each question carries one mark.**
- 3. Questions from serial number 10 to 20 are 3 marks questions. Answer of these questions should not exceed 80 words each.**
- 4. Questions from 21 to 29 are 5 marks each. Answer of these questions should not exceed 120 words each.**
- 5. Question number 30 is a map question of 3 marks from Geography only. After completion, attach the map inside your answer book.**

- In the seventeenth century Bombay was an important outlet for :
 - Cotton textiles
 - Spices
 - Jute
 - Silk
- The Malayalam novel "Induleka" was written by :
 - Chandu Menon
 - Rokeya Hossein
 - Sailabala
 - Potheri Kunjambu
- Which one of the following is the main cause of land degradation in Punjab?
 - intensive cultivation
 - deforestation
 - over irrigation
 - overgrazing
- What does IUCN stand for?
 - International union for conservation of nature & natural resources
 - International union for conservation of natural reserves
 - International union for creation of natural reservoirs
 - International unity for conservation for natural resources
- Which of the following is a leguminous crop?
 - pulses
 - jawar
 - milletts
 - sesamum
- The Union Territories in India are administered by the :
 - Central government
 - State government
 - Local government
 - All of the above

7. What percentage of seats are reserved for women in the Panchayat Raj?
a) Half
b) One-tenth
c) One-third
d) none of the above
8. In Mexico Olympics, John Carlos received the winner's medal without wearing shoes. This was done to represent :
a) Black people
b) Black poverty
c) White domination
d) Black pride
9. Which one of the following is not an activity of the Primary sector?
a) Fishing
b) mining
c) Manufacturing
d) Lumbering
10. Why is Mumbai known as City of Dreams? Give three reasons? (3)
11. State the significance of the novels of Premchand. (3)
12. Discuss the main causes for the depletion of flora and fauna in India? (3)
13. Explain the different stages involved in resource planning? (3)
14. Why have multipurpose projects and dams come under great scrutiny and opposition in recent years? (3)
15. Loss of cultural diversity and biological loss (i.e depletion of flora and fauna) are inter-related. Justify. (3)
16. Describe the three demands of Sri Lankan Tamils. (3)
17. How is the Federal Government different from the unitary government? Give one example of each type. (3)
18. What are the reasons for the changes in the Caste system? (3)
19. Compare the employment conditions prevailing in the organized and the Unorganised sectors. (3)
20. Kerala, with lower per capita income has a better human development ranking than Punjab. Hence Per Capita income is not a useful criterion at all and should not be used to compare states. Do you agree? Discuss. (3)
21. What was the tradition of 'London Season'? Explain the different forms of entertainment that came up in the nineteenth century in England to provide leisure activities for people. (5)
22. Name the first modern Hindi novel? Who wrote it and state three main characteristics of this novel. (1+1+3=5)
23. How did the novels become a popular medium of entertainment among the middle class during the late nineteenth century in India? (5)
24. How is rain water harvesting carried out in semi-arid and arid regions of Rajasthan? (5)
25. Describe any five features of a Federal Government. (5)
26. What are the various forms of caste in politics? (5)
27. Earth has enough resources to meet the needs of all but not enough to satisfy the greed of one person. How is this statement relevant to the discussion of development? (5)

28. Why is the tertiary sector is becoming the most important in India? learn**cbse**.in (5)
29. What do you understand by disguised unemployment? Explain with an example each from the urban and rural areas. (5)
30. i) Two features A, B & C are shown in the political outline map of India. Identify these features with the help of the following information and write their correct names on the lines marked on the map. (3)
- A) An area of reserved forests
 - B) A soil type
 - C) A state of cotton cultivation
- ii) On the same map, locate and label the following items with appropriate symbols.
- D) Sariska wildlife sanctuary
 - E) Bhakra Nangal dam
 - F) Major areas of wheat cultivation

