



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
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**SOCIAL SCIENCE  
ANSWER KEY**

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Time Allotted: 2 ½ Hrs.  
Max .Marks: 80

**SECTION A**

Qns		Marks
1.	<b><u>NAME THE FOLLOWING WITH APPROPRIATE ANSWER.</u></b>	4
a	The ruling party may not be a single party but a group of parties forming government together. <b><u>Coalition</u></b>	
b	Lord of three worlds. <b><u>Tribhuvana Chakravartin</u></b>	
c	The remains of dead plants and animals trapped in the layers of rocks – <b><u>fossils</u></b>	
d	The French word which means neighborhood. <b><u>Environer</u></b>	
2.	<b><u>FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE WORDS.</u></b>	4
a	Grinding stones are made up of <u>granite</u> .	
b	Mahmud of Ghazni was the first known ruler in Indian history to adopt the title of Sulta	
c	<b><u>Kharaj</u></b> is the tax collected on cultivation.	
d	The provision for creches helps many women to take up <b><u>employment</u></b> outside	
3.	<b><u>CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.</u></b>	4
a	The special slaves purchased for military service, by Sultans:	
	a. Bandhi    b. <b>Bandagan</b> c. Bandhan	
b	International Women's Day is observed on:	
	a. <b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b> b. 8 <sup>th</sup> May    c. 8 <sup>th</sup> June	
c	The first Indian state to start midday meal scheme.	
	a. Andhra Pradesh    b. <b>Tamil Nadu</b> c. Kerala	
d	This is not a natural ecosystem.	
	Desert, <b>Aquarium</b> ,    Forest	

4.	<b><u>MATCH THE FOLLOWING</u></b>	4																									
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5.	<b><u>ANSWER THE FOLLOWING</u></b>																										
6.	What were the two major cities under the control of Chahamanas? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The two major cities under the control of Chahamanas were Delhi and Ajmer</li></ul>	1																									
7.	Who was Laxmi Lakra?	1																									
	She was the first woman engine driver for Northern Railways to break the stereotypes.																										
8.	Explain Civil Rights Movement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A movement that began in USA in 1950s in which African–American people demanded equal rights and an end to racial discrimination.</li></ul>	1																									
9.	Define Igneous Rocks.	1																									
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	<b>SECTION –B (Subjective)</b>																										
10.	Why did the Samanta Kings in the Medieval period perform hiranya-garbha sacrifice? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many of the Samanta Kings were not born in Kshatriya caste</li><li>• So they performed the Hiranya Garbha sacrifice because when this ritual was performed with the help of Brahmins, it was thought to lead to the rebirth of the sacrificer as a Khatriya, even if he was not one by birth</li></ul>	2																									
11.	How did Sultans control Muqtis or Iqtedars? Accountants were appointed by the state to check the amount of revenue collected by the Muqtis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Care was taken that the Muqti only collected those taxes prescribed by the state and that he kept the required number of soldiers.</li></ul>	2																									
12.	State the meaning and disadvantages of stereotyping? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•When we believe that people belonging to particular groups based on religion, wealth, language are bound to have certain fixed characteristics or can only do a certain type of work, we create a stereotype.</li><li>•Stereotypes prevent us from looking at people as unique individuals</li></ul>	2																									

13.	<p>Define minerals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mineral are naturally occurring substances which have certain physical properties and definite chemical composition.</li> <li>Minerals are very important to humankind. e.g. iron, aluminum, gold etc</li> </ul>	2
14.	<p>. What do you mean by Universal Adult Franchise? How can you say that it is based on the idea of equality?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universal Adult Franchise means that all adult (those who are 18 and above) citizens have the right to vote irrespective of their social or economic backgrounds.</li> <li>It is based on the idea of equality because it states that every adult citizen irrespective of their wealth and communities has one vote.</li> </ul>	2
15.	<p>Explain opposition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opposition refers to the elected representative who is not members of the ruling party.</li> <li>And who play the role of questioning the government decisions and actions as well as raise new issues for consideration in the assembly.</li> </ul>	2
16.	<p>What is hiranya garbha? Why did the Samanta Kings in the Medieval period perform hiranya-garbha sacrifice?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A ritual which led to the 'rebirth' of the sacrificer as a kshatriya, even if he was not one by birth is called Hiranya garbha</li> <li>Many of the Samanta Kings were not born in Kshatriya caste</li> <li>So they performed the Hiranya Garbha sacrifice because when this ritual was performed with the help of Brahmins, it was thought to lead to the rebirth of the sacrificer as a Khatriya, even if he was not one by birth.</li> </ul>	3
17.	<p>Who were Iqtedars?What were the duties of Iqtedars or Muqtis during Delhi Sultanate period and what did they get in return from Sultans?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The holders of Iqta were called IqtadarsIMuqtis.</li> <li>The duty of the Muqtis was to lead military campaigns and maintain law and order in their iqtas.</li> <li>In exchange of their military services, the Muqtis collected the revenue of their assignments as their salary. They also paid their soldiers from these revenues</li> </ul>	3
18.	<p>Explain how intrusive rocks formed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sometimes the molten magma cools down deep inside the earth's crust. Solid rocks so formed are called intrusive igneous rocks.</li> <li>Since they cool slowly they form large grains.</li> <li>Granite is an example of intrusive igneous rock.</li> </ul>	3

19.	<p>What does Twarikh means?How could you prove that Twarikh are considered as highly valuable information about the Delhi Sultanate'?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twarikh means histories.</li> <li>• Although inscriptions, coins and architecture provide a lot of information especially valuable are histories called Tawarikh written in Persian, the language of administration under the Delhi Sultans.</li> <li>• The authors of Tawarikh were learned men- secretaries, administrators, poets and courtiers who both recounted events and advised rulers on governance, emphasizing the importance of just rule</li> </ul>	3
20.	<p>Why women are still having rigid and fewer opportunities in certain jobs even today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As some believe that science requires a technical mind and girls and women are not capable of dealing with technical things.</li> <li>• As many people, believe in these stereotypes, many girls do not get the same support that boys do to study and train to become doctors and engineers.</li> </ul> <p>nce girls finish school, they are encouraged by their families to see marriage as their ain aim in life.</p>	3
21	<p>Mention two ways in which the government has tried to implement the principle of equality guaranteed in the constitution. When can equality be established in a democratic society?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•There are several laws in India that protect every person's right to be treated equally.</li> <li>•The government has also set up several schemes to improve the lives of communities and individuals who have been treated unequally for several centuries.</li> <li>•only when people begin to believe that every person deserves to be treated with dignity, equality can be established in a democratic society</li> </ul>	3
22	<p>Give the full form of MLA. Explain how some MLAs become Ministers.</p> <p>Member of the legislative assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Some MLAs become ministers when their party wins more than half the number of constituencies in a state and thus is in majority.</li> <li>•The party which is in majority then makes a cabinet whose members are called ministers.</li> </ul>	3
23	<p>How is atmosphere important to us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It protects us from the harmful rays and extreme heat of the sun.</li> <li>• It has oxygen as its constituent that the living beings breathe in.</li> <li>• It has carbon dioxide which the plants make use of for preparing their food.</li> </ul>	3
24.a	<b>Write a Short note on Chola Temples</b>	4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chola temples became the nuclei of settlements which grew around them</li> <li>They were centres of craft production and were endowed with land by rulers and by others.</li> <li>Priests, garland makers, cooks, sweepers, musicians, dancers etc, who worked at the temple lived near it.</li> <li>Temples were not only the place of worship but also were the hub of economic, social and cultural life as well.</li> </ul>	
	<b>OR</b>	
24.b	<p>What were the qualifications necessary to become a member of the committee of sabha in the chola empire?</p> <p>Qualifications necessary to become a member of the committee of sabha in the chola empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The member had to be revenue paying land owner.</li> <li>He had to possess his own home.</li> <li>He had to be between the ages of 30 to 70 years. And should have knowledge of Vedas.</li> <li>He should have been honest and well versed in administrative matters.</li> </ul>	
25.a	<p><b>Explain in detail the formation of sedimentary rocks.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rocks roll down, crack and hit each other and are broken down into fragments. These small particles are called sediments.</li> <li>These sediments are transported and deposited by wind, water etc.</li> <li>These loose sediments are compressed and hardened to form layers of rocks called sedimentary rocks.</li> <li>These rocks may also contain fossils of plants and animals and other microorganisms that once lived on them. Example sandstone, limestone etc.</li> </ul>	4
	<b>OR</b>	
25.b	<p><b>Describe the rock cycle.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One type of rock changes into another type under certain conditions in acyclic manner. This process is called rock cycle.</li> <li>When molten magma cools, it solidifies to become igneous rocks.</li> <li>These igneous rocks are broken down into small particles that are transported and deposited to form sedimentary rocks.</li> <li>When igneous and sedimentary rocks are subjected to heat and pressure they change into metamorphic rocks. The metamorphic rocks which are still under great heat and pressure melt down to form molten magma which again cools down and solidifies into igneous rocks.</li> </ul>	
26.a	Give an account of the expansion of Delhi Sultanate that occurred during the reigns of Ghiasuddin Balban, Alauddin Khalji and Muhammad Tughluq.	4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first set of campaigns along the internal frontier of the sultanate aimed at consolidating the hinterlands and the garrison towns.</li> <li>• During these campaigns forests were cleared and given to peasants for agriculture, new fortresses and towns were established to promote regional trade and protect trade routes.</li> <li>• The second expansion occurred along the external frontier of the Sultanate. During the military expeditions of Southern India the Sultanate armies captured elephants, horses' slaves and carried away precious metals.</li> <li>• The armies marched across a large part of the subcontinent, defeated rival armies and seized cities.</li> </ul>	
	OR	
26.b	<p>"Muhammad Tughluq's administrative measures were a failure'. Justify.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His campaign into Kashmir was a disaster.</li> <li>• He gave up his plans to invade Transoxiana and disbanded his large army.</li> <li>• The shifting of capital to Daulatabad was resented.</li> <li>• The raising of taxes and famine in the Ganga- Yamuna belt led to widespread rebellion. The token currency had to be recalled.</li> </ul>	
27.a	<p>Discuss the different strategies used by women movement to fight discrimination against women?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campaigning: Campaigns to fight discrimination and violence against women are an important part of the women's movement. Campaigns have also led to new laws being passed.</li> <li>• Raising Awareness: An important part of the women's movements' work is to raise public awareness on women's rights issues. Their message has been spread through street plays, songs and public meetings.</li> <li>• Protesting: The women's movement raises its voice when violations against women take place or for example, when a law or policy acts against their interests.</li> </ul> <p>Showing Solidarity: The women's movement is also about showing solidarity with other women and causes</p>	4
	OR	
27.b	<p><b>Give details about the life of domestic workers?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most of the domestic workers are women, they do a lot of work – sweeping, cleaning and washing, etc.</li> <li>• Their wages are low and work does not have much value.</li> <li>• Domestic workers day can begin as early as 5 in the morning and end as late as 12 at midnight.</li> <li>• Despite the hard work they do, their employers often do show them much respect</li> </ul>	
28.a	<p>What is public health service? Compare public health services with those of private health services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The public health service is the chain of health centers and hospitals run by Government.</li> </ul>	4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public health services are run by the government while private health services are managed by the individuals or the companies.</li> <li>Public health services provide health care facilities either free or at a low cost whereas private health services run mainly for profit.</li> <li>Public health services are found in both rural and urban areas. But private health services are mainly in urban areas.</li> </ul>	
	OR	
28.b	<p>What is the process of formation of government in a state?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A general Assembly election is conducted to elect representatives from various constituencies.</li> <li>The party which earns more than a half of the total seats is said to be in a majority. That party is usually called for forming the government.</li> <li>Sometimes, no party gains clear majority. In that case the party with maximum elected members tries to get support from the like-minded parties or independent candidates.</li> <li>The party which proves to have maximum candidates is allowed to form government. Otherwise there will be re-election</li> </ul>	
29.a	<p>Give reasons: Man modifies his environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Man modifies his environment to meet his various needs.</li> <li>He clears forests for obtaining land for agriculture and for making shelter.</li> <li>He extracts minerals from the earth for making various things.</li> <li>He makes dams for producing electricity.</li> </ul>	4
	OR	
29.b	<p>What is Lithosphere? How is it important to us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lithosphere is the hard top layer of the earth.</li> <li>It provides us forests and grasslands for grazing.</li> <li>It provides land for agriculture and human settlement. It is the source of minerals.</li> <li>It is the source of minerals.</li> </ul>	