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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2019-20**



SUBJECT - SOCIAL SCIENCE

Code: MSSH12

CLASS: VIII

Time Allotted: 2 ½ Hrs.

15.09.2019

Max. Marks: 80

General Instructions.

1. This question paper comprises of **two Sections, A and B**. You have to attempt both the sections.
2. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
3. **Marks** are indicated against each question.
4. **All answers should be written neatly in the answer sheet provided.**
5. **Map sheet to be attached** with the answer sheet.

SECTION A (OBJECTIVE)

| Qns | | Marks |
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| 1. | <u>NAME THE FOLLOWING WITH APPROPRIATE ANSWERS.</u> a. She took an active part in organizing the uprising against the British in Lucknow. b. The print created by the weavers of Andhra Pradesh in India. c. The supreme law making institution of our country. | 3 |
| 2. | <u>FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE ANSWERS.</u> a. Indigo produced a rich blue colour while the dye from _____ was pale and dull. b. The Right to _____ allows citizens to move to court if they believe that any of their Fundamental Rights have been violated. c. Forests are broadly classified as _____ or deciduous depending on when they shed their leaves. | 3 |
| 3. | <u>CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT ANSWER.</u> a. When soldiers as a group disobey their officers. (revolt, mutiny, rebellion) b. Another name for the 'House of the People' in the Indian Parliament. (Sansad, Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha) c. This section of the constitution has often been referred to as the 'conscience' of the Indian Constitution. (Articles, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy) d. Breaking up and decay of exposed rocks by temperature changes, frost action, plants, animals and human activity. (weathering, soil erosion, rain wash) | 4 |

4. **ON THE GIVEN OUTLINE MAPS OF INDIA MARK AND LABEL THE FOLLOWING.** 5
- Map A – Main Centres of the Revolt of 1857**
- Jhansi
 - Meerut
 - Delhi
- Map B – Mineral Resources**
- Most important copper producing centre in India
 - Diamond mine in Madhya Pradesh

SECTION B (SUBJECTIVE)

- Define the term 'colonisation' 1
- Sampat, a ten year old boy is working in a roadside dhabha for nearly 8 hours a day. His employer at times beats him if the vessels break when he is washing them and cuts his payment too. Which Fundamental Right of Sampat do you think is being violated? 1
- What is domestic violence? 1
- The uranium in Ladakh region and the coal & iron reserves in Antarctica could be used in future. What are such resources termed as? 1
- Which mineral/ fossil fuel is known as 'buried sunshine' and why? 1
- Explain the significance of the Charter acquired by the East India Company from Queen Elizabeth I 2
- How did the East India Company benefit as the Diwan of Bengal? 2
- State the incident that sparked off the revolt of 1857. 2
- Why do we need to conserve water which is a renewable natural resource? 2
- Distinguish between rock dams and shelter belts. 2
- Discuss the changes in the composition of the Company's army in the 18th century. 3
- What is the other name of Ryotwari System? Discuss the main features of this system? 3
- 'Since the mid 18th century, nawabs and rajas had seen their power erode'. Give two reasons. Also throw light on why Nana Saheb was angry with the British. 3
- Why is it important to separate religion from State? 3
- 'Some seats are reserved in the Parliament for SCs and STs'. Give reasons to justify the statement. 3

20. Enlist some principles of sustainable development 3
21. List three measures to conserve water 3
22. Differentiate between solar energy and geothermal energy. State two advantages of wind as a source of energy 3
23. Explain the nij system of indigo cultivation. List any two problems faced by the planters with it. 4
- OR**
- What led to 'Blue Rebellion' and mention the findings of Indigo Commission?
24. List the important changes brought about by the British after the Revolt of 1857. 4
- OR**
- Enumerate the social reforms introduced by the British. Why did it create resentment among the Indians?
25. What is meant by the 'rule of law'? Explain how laws apply to all 4
- OR**
- Explain how the national government is selected by the Parliament ?
26. Define the term 'mineral' Name the mineral/ fossil fuels. Describe how were they formed. Which one out of them is known as 'Black Gold' and why? 4
- OR**
- State two differences between conventional and non- conventional sources of energy. Give two examples of each. What is CNG and why is it a popular automobile fuel?
27. What is Secularism? What are the precautions taken by the Indian government to ensure that the spirit of secularism is not violated? 5
- OR**
- What is a Constitution? Explain any three key features of the Indian Constitution
28. Enlist two major factors that affect soil formation. Why should we conserve soil? Discuss three ways to conserve soil 5
- OR**
- State any one natural factor and two human factors that accelerate the process of extinction of species. Describe any three measures adopted by the government to conserve the natural vegetation and wildlife

End of the question paper.