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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION 2018-19**



SUBJECT - SOCIAL SCIENCE

Code: MZSS11

CLASS: VIII

Time Allotted: 2 ½ Hrs.

16.09.2018

Max .Marks: 80

General Instructions.

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

SECTION A (Objective)

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| 1. | FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE ANSWER: | 1x6=6 |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. _____ was killed defending his capital in the Battle of Srirangapatnam. b. With their defeat in the Third Battle of Panipat, the _____ dream of ruling from Delhi was shattered. c. _____ is the exclusive right over any idea or invention. d. Water shortage may be due to variation in seasonal or annual _____ e. _____ is a significant function of the Parliament. f. _____ is a natural area designated to protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for the present and future generations. | |
| 2. | NAME THE FOLLOWING: | 1x6=6 |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The lady from Kittoor in Karnataka, who led an anti British resistance movement. _____ b. His visit to Champaran in 1917 marked the beginning of the Champaran movement against Indigo planters. _____ c. A young Indian soldier who was hanged to death for attacking British officers in Barrackpore. _____ d. Mass movement of rocks, debris or earth down a slope. _____ e. Vegetation of cold polar regions comprising of mosses and lichens. _____ f. An important mechanism through which MPs can elicit information about the working of the Government. _____ | |
| 3. | CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER AND FILL IN THE BLANKS: | 1x6=6 |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The most abundantly found fossil fuel. _____ (Petroleum, Coal, Natural gas) | |

- b. The process by which minerals that lie near the earth's surface are simply dug out. _____ (quarrying, drilling, open cast mining)
- c. Holt Mackenzie felt that the _____ was an important social institution in North Indian society.(town, village, school)
- d. European cloth manufacturers had to depend on this plant to make violet and blue dyes. _____ (Indigo, Woad, Saffron)
- e. The cruel or unjust use of power or authority. _____ (polity, coercion, tyranny)
- f. Father of Indian Constitution. _____ (Dr.Rajendra Prasad, Pt. Nehru, Dr .B. R Ambedkar)

4. **ON THE GIVEN OUTLINE MAP OF INDIA LOCATE AND NAME THE FOLLOWING:** 1x6=6

A. The centres of the revolt of 1857.

- a. The sepoy mutiny started from this place.
- b. Rani Lakshmibai led the revolt from this centre.
- c. Begum Hazrat Mahal led the revolt from this place.

B. India-Mineral Resources.

- a. An offshore oil field.
- b. The first iron and steel plant in India.
- c. A gold mine in Karnataka.

SECTION B(Subjective)

- 5. State the significance of the Charter acquired by the East India Company from Queen Elizabeth. 1
- 6. Why did the cultivators find the permanent system very oppressive? 1
- 7. Mention the incident which sparked off the Revolt of 1857. 1
- 8. What do you mean by human resource development? 1
- 9. Raghu lives in a dry, coastal region. What soil conservation method would you suggest to protect soil cover in his area? And why? 1
- 10. What are fossil fuels? Which type of rocks are they normally found in? 1
- 11. Which section of the Indian constitution has often been referred to as the 'conscience' of the Indian Constitution? Why is it called so? 1
- 12. Define secularism. 1
- 13. What is a coalition government? 1
- 14. Why are some seats reserved in the Parliament for SC & ST. 1

15. 'Two members of a particular community are nominated in the Lok Sabha. Name the community and who nominates them?' 1
16. What is meant by colonization? What was its effect on India? 2
17. What were the features of ryotwari system? 2
18. 'Since the mid-eighteenth century, Nawabs and Rajas had seen their power erode.' Give reason. 2
19. What are potential resources? 2
20. Mention the factors that lead to soil formation. 2
21. How is solar energy obtained? 2
22. What is the role of a constitution in a democracy? 2
23. Why should people enjoy the right to decide about their fate in our democracy? 2
24. 'The ryots were reluctant to grow Indigo'. Give reasons. 3
25. Though water is a renewable resource, we need to conserve it. Why? 3
26. Explain the mechanism of Question Hour. 3
27. **A.** 'East India Company transformed from a trading company to a territorial colonial power using a variety of methods'. Justify with examples. 4
OR
B. Explain the new system of administration and justice set up by the Company.
28. **A.** Why were the native ruling families unhappy with the British policies? 4
OR
B. State the important changes introduced by the British after the revolt of 1857.
29. **A.** 'Water is a critical resource'. State some measures to conserve this resource. 4
OR
B. What are the measures adopted by the government to conserve the natural vegetation and wildlife?
30. **A.** What is tidal energy? How is it generated? 4
OR
B. Write a note on nuclear power.
31. **A.** Explain the key features of the Indian Constitution. 4
OR
B. 'In a democracy, it is important to separate religion from State'. Give reasons

End of the Question Paper.