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INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MID-TERM EXAMINATION - 2017-18
SOCIAL SCIENCE

STD: VIII

Date: 19/09/17

Max. Marks: 80

Time: 2 ½ hours

General instructions:

- ❖ All the questions must be answered on the answer script provided.
- ❖ Indicate the different points of the answers with an asterisk (*)
- ❖ Write only answers for the objective questions with correct question number.
- ❖ Map should be attached with the answer sheet.
- ❖ The question paper has 6 printed sides.

PART I

SECTION A –HISTORY

I. NAME THE FOLLOWING:

(½x4=2marks)

1. The Indian soldier in the British army: _____
2. This print was created by the weavers of Andhra Pradesh: _____.
3. When soldiers as a group disobey their officers in the army: _____
4. Lord Dalhousie annexed Jhansi using this policy _____.

II. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

(½x4=2marks)

1. The _____ system of revenue collection was developed by Thomas Munro
a. Mahalwari b. Zamindari, c. Ryotwari
2. Lord Dalhousie annexed _____ by declaring that the territory was being misgoverned and British rule was needed to ensure proper administration.
a. Awadh b. Jhansi c. Kanpur
3. The Governor General of India when the Permanent Settlement was introduced
a. Lord Warren Hastings b. Lord Cornwallis c. Lord James Mill
4. The general of Nana Saheb who escaped to jungles of Central India: _____.
a. Tantia Tope b. Azimullah c. Ahamadullah Shah

III. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE WORDS:

(½x4=2marks)

1. The _____ was the head of the Maratha confederacy.
2. The European cloth merchants used a temperate plant called _____ to make violet and blue dyes.
3. The English East India Company's traders were called _____.
4. After the Revolt of 1857, Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar and his wife were sent to a prison in _____.





IV. MATCH COLUMN A WITH COLUMN B:

(1/2x4=2marks)

S.NO	COLUMN A	S.NO	COLUMN B	ANS
1.	Neel Darpan	a)	Kunwar Singh	1-
2.	A History of British India	b)	Sirajuddaulah	2-
3.	Nawab of Bengal	c)	Maharaja Ranjit Singh	3-
4.	Held back the Company in Punjab	d)	DinabandhuMitra	4-
		e)	James Mill	

V. OBSERVE THE PICTURE AND FILL IN THE BLANKS:

(1/2x4=2marks)

1.	2.	3.	4.
			
Gandhiji led the _____ movement against the exploitation of Indigo planters	_____ was the commander of the company army in the Battle of Plassey.	Folklores called him the 'Tiger of Mysore' _____	This young soldier was hanged to death for attacking his officers at Barrackpore_____

SECTION B - CIVICS

VI. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE WORDS:

(1/2x4=2marks)

- The _____ is responsible for administering and enforcing laws in a country.
- The Indian Constitution mandates that the Indian State be _____ and emphasizes the separation of religion from the State.
- One way the individual give approval to the government is through _____.
- Two members from the _____ community are nominated to the Lok Sabha.





VII. NAME THE FOLLOWING:

(1/2x4=2marks)

- The final interpreter of the Constitution: _____
- A person who is tried by a court for a crime. _____
- The cruel and unjust use of power or authority _____
- The leader of the ruling party in the Lok Sabha: _____

VIII. OBSERVE THE PICTURES AND WRITE THE ANSWERS:

($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$ marks)

	1. He is known as the Father of the Indian Constitution: _____
	2. The law making body for the entire country: _____
	3. The middle level judiciary is _____
	4. The highest court of India _____

SECTION C- GEOGRAPHY

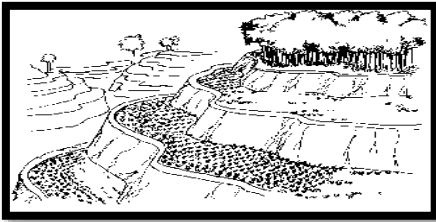
IX. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$ marks)

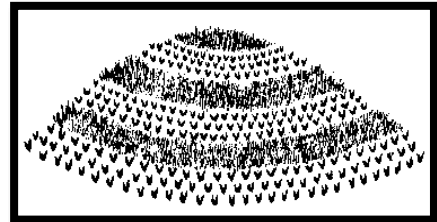
- Copper is a _____ resource.
a. Localised b. Biotic c. Ubiquitous
- Uranium deposits in Ladakh is an example of _____ resource.
a. Potential b. Actual c. both 'a' and 'b'
- _____ obtained from quartz is used in the computer industry.
a. Silicon b. Aluminium c. Manganese
- _____ is referred to as Buried Sunshine.
a. Natural Gas b. Petroleum c. Coal
- _____ is a Diamond mine in Madhya Pradesh
a. Khetri b. Jamshedpur c. Panna
- Heat energy obtained from the earth is called _____ energy.
a. Solar energy b. Geothermal Energy c. Tidal energy

- X. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH APPROPRIATE WORD:** (½×6=3marks)
- _____ of resource is the amount of resources available for use.
 - _____ is the organic matter deposited on the top soil.
 - _____ is the largest producer and exporter of mica in the world.
 - Natural vegetation with mosses and lichens in the cold Polar regions is called _____
 - Gulf of Kachchh in India is known for _____ mill farms.
 - All resources have some _____ as they have utility.

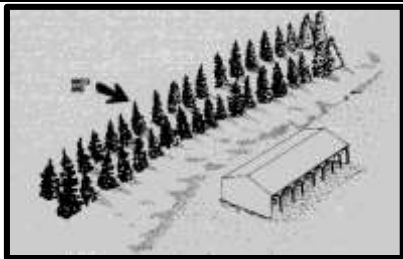
XI. OBSERVE THE PICTURES CAREFULLY AND FILL IN THE BLANKS: (½×4=2marks)



- Broad flat steps or terraces are made on steep slopes to reduce surface run-off and soil erosion: _____



- Ploughing parallel to the contours of a hill slope to form a natural barrier for water to flow down the slope: _____



- Rows of trees planted to check the wind movement to protect soil cover in coastal and dry areas _____



- Bare ground between plants covered with layer of organic matter to retain soil moisture _____

PART II

SECTION A –HISTORY

- XII. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE POINT:** (1x5=5marks)
- Who were Residents?
 - Why did the Indian Soldiers refuse to follow the order to go to Burma by sea route?
 - What do you understand by the term ‘Colonisation’?
 - Who was the principal figure in an Indian district during the company rule? What was this official’s main job?

5. The peasants found that after an Indigo harvest land could not be used for rice cultivation- Why?

XIII. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN TWO POINTS: (2x4= 8marks)

1. What were the privileges enjoyed by the English East India Company with the granting of Charter Rights by Queen Elizabeth I ?
2. How did trade lead to Trade wars?
3. What were the problems faced by the planters with nij cultivation?
4. Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi and Nana Saheb had their own reasons for resentment against the British – Explain

XIV. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN FOUR POINTS: (4x2=8marks)

1. A) Describe the system Subsidiary Alliance used by the East India company to expand its territories in India?

OR

B) Write a short note on Permanent Settlement

2. A) What were the changes brought about by the British after the Revolt of 1857?

OR

B) What were the areas of conflict between the Bengal Nawabs and the East India Company?

XV. ON THE GIVEN OUTLINE MAP OF INDIA, MARK AND NAME THE FOLLOWING: (1x3=3marks)

1. Begum Hazrat Mahal led the revolt here
2. The Sepoys began the mutiny here
3. Bahadur Shah Zafar was proclaimed the leader from here

SECTION B - CIVICS

XVI. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN ONE POINT: (1x4=4marks)

1. Mention any two Fundamental Rights guaranteed to the Indian citizens by our Constitution.
2. What is the significance of the Directive Principles of State Policy?
3. What do you understand by Judicial Review?
4. Why is an FIR important?

XVII. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN TWO POINTS: (2x2=4marks)

1. Why the Indians were convinced that free India should be a democracy?
2. What is a Coalition Government?

XVIII. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN FOUR POINTS: (4×2=8marks)

1. A) Do laws apply to all?
OR
B) Explain the mechanism of Question Hour of the Parliament.
2. Why was PIL introduced in Indian Judiciary?

SECTION C- GEOGRAPHY

XIX. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN ONE POINT: (1×3=3marks)

1. Enlist any two physical factors that determine the land use pattern.
2. How can you identify minerals?
3. Mention some of the processes by which minerals can be extracted.

XX. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN TWO POINTS: (2×3=6marks)

1. Distinguish between Ubiquitous and Localised Resource.
2. 'There is an urgent need for using non-conventional sources of energy'. How far is this statement true?
3. State some measures taken by the government to conserve natural vegetation and Wildlife..

XXI. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN FOURPOINTS: (4×1=4marks)

1. A. Explain some of the techniques involved in mitigating the effects of landslides.
OR
B. Write a note on Biogas.

XXII. ON THE GIVEN OUTLINE MAP OF INDIA NAME & LOCATE THE FOLLOWING: (1×3=3marks)

1. A gold mine in Karnataka
2. A petroleum reserve in Assam
3. A copper mine in Rajasthan

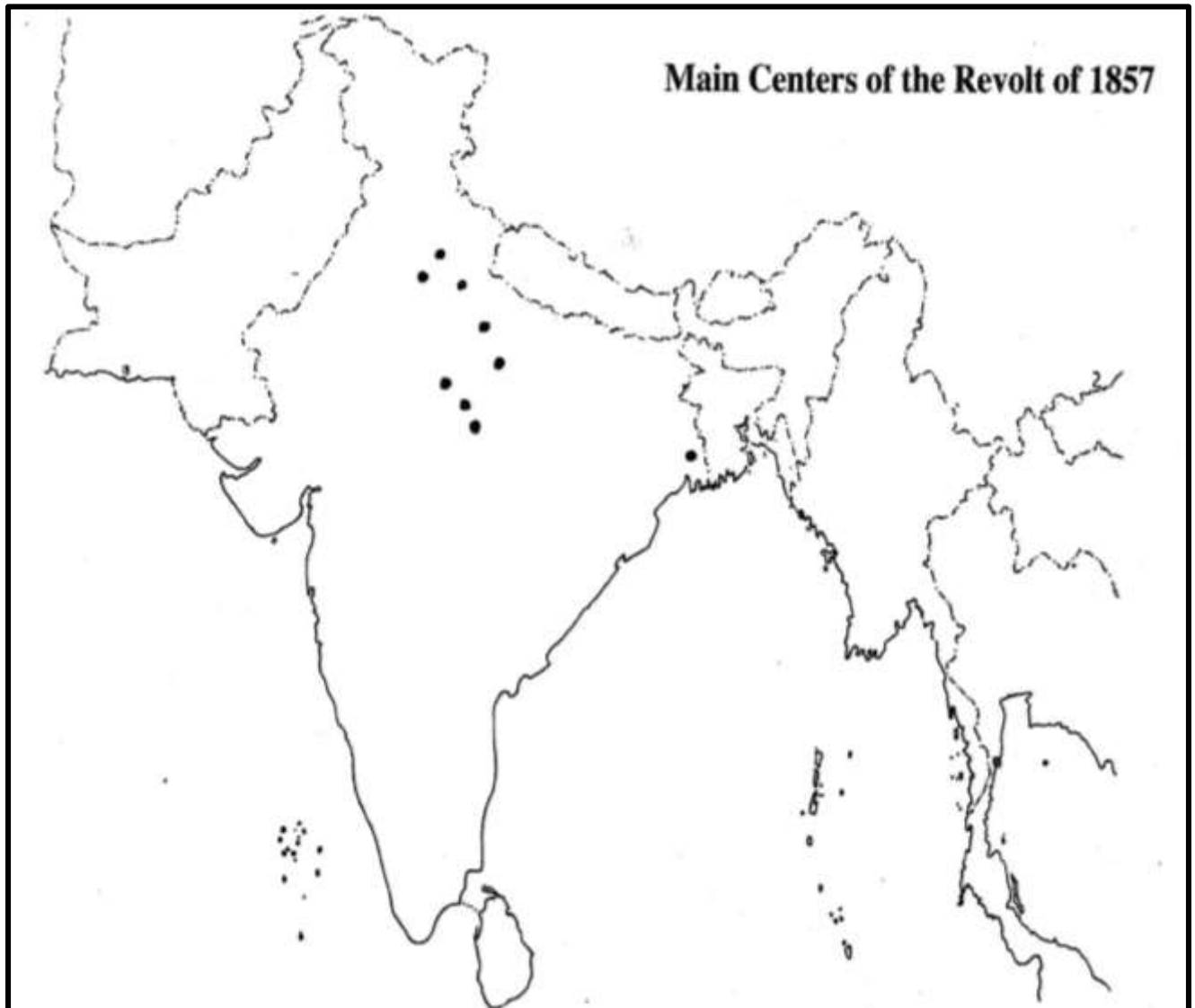
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