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CLASS IX

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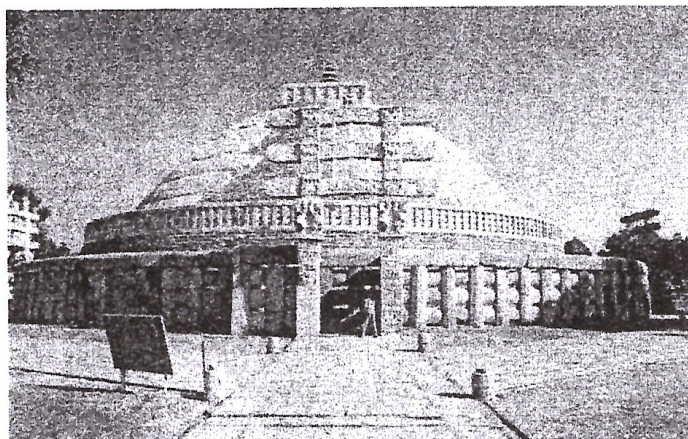
(Attempt all questions from this section.)

Question 1

16 Marks

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is Nirvana?
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Rebirth
 - c. Belief
 - d. Recollection
2. Who laid the foundation of the Mauryan Dynasty?
 - a. Chandragupta Vikramaditya
 - b. Chandragupta Maurya
 - c. Ashoka
 - d. Ajatashatru
3. Chandragupta was succeeded by his son:
 - a. Ashoka
 - b. Chanakya
 - c. Bindusara
 - d. Ajatashatru
4. constitutes one of the most important literary works in Tamil Society:
 - a. Aram
 - b. Porul
 - c. Tirukkural
 - d. Inbam
5. The Eight fold path is related to:
 - a. Buddhism
 - b. Jainism
 - c. Hinduism
 - d. Vaishnavism
6. Look at the picture and choose the correct option.
 - a. The picture below is a Buddhist Stupa.
 - b. It was built by Ashoka.
 - c. Has magnificent gateways having sculptures depicting the life of Buddha.
 - d. All of the above.



7. When was the Kalinga war fought?
 - a. 271 BCE
 - b. 261 BCE
 - c. 265 BCE
 - d. 61 BCE
8. Who was popularly known as Vikramaditya (The Son of Power)?
 - a. Chandragupta I
 - b. Chandragupta II
 - c. Samudragupta
 - d. Skandgupta
9. Most of the Chola temples were built in _____ style:
 - a. Nagar
 - b. Kesar
 - c. Dravidian
 - d. All of the above
10. Where is the Brihadeshwara temple located?
 - a. Kanchi
 - b. Madurai
 - c. Vellore
 - d. Tanjore
11. In which part of the Indian Constitution 'Fundamental Rights' are incorporated?
 - a. Part IV
 - b. Part III
 - c. Part II
 - d. Part VI
12. Which Right was deleted from the list of 'Fundamental Rights'?
 - a. Right to Freedom.
 - b. Right to Equality.
 - c. Right to Property.
 - d. Right against Exploitation.
13. How many Fundamental Duties are given in the Indian Constitution?
 - a. 10
 - b. 11
 - c. 12
 - d. 14
14. The idea of Directive Principles of State Policy are taken from the Constitution of:
 - a. Germany
 - b. Japan
 - c. South Africa
 - d. Ireland
15. The Right in which the citizens of 18 years and above are eligible to vote is called:
 - a. Universal Adult Franchise.
 - b. An electoral roll.
 - c. Joint Electorate.
 - d. None of the above.
16. Which among the following elections are held before the completion of the term of five years when the legislature is dissolved due to one reason or other.
 - a. Mid- Term Elections .
 - b. General Elections
 - c. By- Elections
 - d. Indirect Elections

Question 2.**14 Marks****Answer the following short questions.**

- a. What do you mean by the term Election? (2)
- b. What are Fundamental Rights? (2)
- c. Mention the two doctrines of Jainism. (2)
- d. What are edicts? What information do we get from them? (2)
- e. Which title was assumed by Chandragupta II and why? (2)
- f. What were copper plate grants known as during the Chola period? (2)
- g. Name the lyrical poetry written by Kalidasa. (2)

Section B (50 MARKS)**Part I (Civics)****(Attempt any two questions from this part.)****Question 3.**

There is a list of Fundamental rights that is given in the constitution of India. In this context explain the following.

- a. Right to Freedom of Religion. (3)
- b. Right against Exploitation. (3)
- c. Right to Equality. (4)

Question 4.

With reference to the Indian Constitution answer the following:

- a. Difference between Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights. (3)
- b. Define the term Welfare State. (3)
- c. What do you mean by Writs? Mention any two Writs. (4)

Question 5.

For every democratic country elections are very important in this context answer the following.

- a. What do you understand by General Election and By- Election. (3)
- b. Differentiate between Direct and Indirect Election. (3)
- c. Mention the merits and demerits of direct election. (4)

Part II (History)**(Attempt any three questions from this part)****Question 6.**

With reference to the rise of two great religions during the 6TH century answer the following.

- a. Mention the causes for the rise of these religions. (3)
- b. Name the literary texts of Jainism and Buddhism. (3)
- c. What principles did Eight Fold Path include? (4)

Question 7.

With reference to the Mauryan Empire answer the following.

- a. Mention the literary sources of the Mauryan Empire and what do they deal with? (3)
- b. Write a short note on the Central Government of the Mauryan administration. (3)
- c. What were the basic principles of Ashoka's Dhamma? (4)

Question 8.

Study the picture given below and answer the following questions.



- a. 1. Identify the picture. . (1)
2. To which age do they belong? (1)
3. Describe its significance. (1)
- b. 1. Who wrote Tirrukural? (1)
2. How many couplets does it contain? (1)
3. What information does it give us? (1)
- c. In the context to society of the Sangam age what do you know about the following? (2)
1. Status of women. (2)
2. Dress and Ornaments. (2)

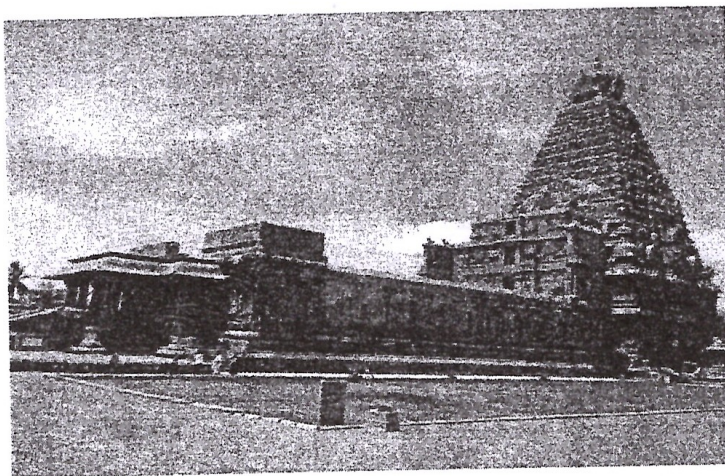
Question 9

With reference to the Gupta Age answer the following:

- a. Explain the importance of the Allahabad Pillar Inscriptions. (3)
- b. Write a short note on the Gupta Administration. (3)
- c. 1. Mention the contributions of Aryabhata in the field of Mathematics and Astronomy. (2)
2. How did education progress in the Gupta Age. (2)

Question 10

Identify the picture and answer the following Questions:



- a. Name the temple and the King who built it. To which deity it is dedicated to. (3)
- b. Explain the Chola Administration. (3)
- c. Mention two architectural features of this temple. (4)

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