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HISTORY AND CIVICS
CLASS – IX

TIME: 2 Hours

MM: 80

The paper is divided into two parts, Part I and Part II. Part I (30 marks) Multiple type questions and short answer questions. Candidates will be required to answer all questions. Part II (50marks) will consist of Section A and Section B. Candidates are required to answer **all** questions from Section A and **three** out of four questions from Section B

PART – I [30 Marks]

(Attempt **all** questions from this Part)

Question 1. Answer the following Multiple Choice Questions.

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1. The Constitution of India came into force on.
(i) 26th January 1947 (ii) 26th January 1948 (iii) 26th January 1950 (iv) 26th January 1949
2. The salient features of the Constitution of India are:
(i) Directive Principle of State Policy (ii) Fundamental Rights and Duties
(iii) Single Citizenship and Universal Adult Franchise (iv) All of these
3. The Indian Constitution includes:
(i) Nine Fundamental Rights (ii) Ten Fundamental Rights
(iii) Seven Fundamental Rights (iv) Six Fundamental Rights
4. A 14 year old boy is prohibited for working in a factory or mine. This act shows which Fundamental Right.
(i) Right to Freedom (ii) Right against Exploitation
(iii) Right to Education (iv) Right to Freedom of Religion
5. The Fundamental Right that provides minorities to establish and administer educational institutions is.
(i) Right to Freedom of Religion (ii) Right against Exploitation
(iii) Cultural and Educational Rights (iv) Right to Freedom
6. Our Constitution provides.
(i) single citizenship (ii) double citizenship (iii) multiple citizenship (iv) None of these
7. Which of the following is incorrectly matched?
(i) Brahmins—performed religious ceremonies (ii) Kshatriyas— belonged to the ruling class
(iii) Vaishyas—engaged in trade (iv) Shudras – belonged to ruling class
8. The Barter system was practiced for.
(i) Performing Yajnas (ii) Performing marriage ceremonies
(iii) Trade transaction (iv) None of these
9. The sacred books of the Janis are:
(i) Tripitkas (ii) Angas (iii) Jatakas (iv) Ramanaya
10. Which of the following is not a 'Jewel' of Triratnas according to Mahavira?
(i) Right faith (ii) Right knowledge (iii) Right information (iv) Right conduct
11. Asoka's inscriptions are classified into.
(i) Rock edicts, Pillar edicts and Dhamma. (ii) Rock edicts, Pillar edicts and Megasthenes account
(iii) Rock edicts, Pillar edicts and Cave inscriptions. (iv) Rock edicts, Stupas and Cave inscriptions.
12. During Mauryan Empire, Mauryan administration was administered by a commission consisting of.
(i) 30 members divided into 6 boards each consisting of 5 members
(ii) 30 members divided into 5 boards each consisting of 6 members
(iii) 30 members divided into 3 boards each consisting of 10 members
(iv) 30 members divided into 2 boards each consisting of 15 members
13. Chandragupta Maurya was succeeded by his son.
(i) Bimbisara (ii) Ashoka (iii) Bindusara (iv) Chanakaya
14. During Sangam Age ornaments were worn by:
(i) Men (ii) Women
(iii) Kings and Queens (iv) Both men and women
15. During the Sangam age Naura, Tyndia and Muziris were.
(i) Three important kingdoms of the Sangam Age (ii) Three titles of Chera kings
(iii) Three popular Cholas kings (iv) Three ports of leading importance
16. During the Sangam Age Mandalams were.
(i) Provinces (ii) Ports (iii) Villages (iv) Empires

Question 2. Answer the following questions:

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1. Define the term Constitution.
2. What are Fundamental Duties?

3. Explain the term Writ.
4. What was the power of the King during the Mauryan period?
5. What was the main source of income during the Sangam Age?
6. Why were Buddha's teachings called the "Middle Path"?
7. Where did Aryans come from? What name was given to the region they settled in India?

PART – II [50 Marks]

SECTION – A

(Attempt **all** questions from this Section)

Question 3. With reference to the constitution of India answer the following:

- a) Explain the term Universal Adult Franchise [3]
- b) State the significance of 26th January in India's Freedom struggle. [3]
- c) Define Directive Principles of State Policy. From which constitution it has been taken? [4]

Question 4. "The Fundamental Rights and duties are inseparable" With reference to the above extract answer the following:

- a) Mention any three freedoms guaranteed under Right to Freedom. [3]
- b) State the difference between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. [3]
- c) List any four Fundamental Duties incorporated in the Constitution. [4]

SECTION – B

(Attempt any **three** questions from this Section)

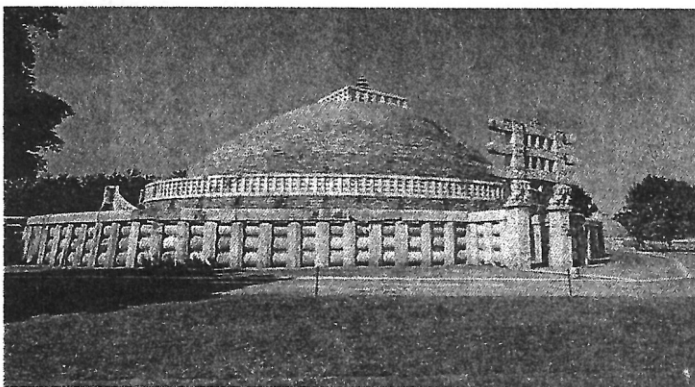
Question 5. In context to the Vedic Age answer the following:

- a) Describe the economic life of the early Aryans. [3]
- b) What was the significance of the Epics? [3]
- c) Which is the oldest Veda? Name the other three Vedas written during this time. [4]

Question 6. In context of Jainism and Buddhism answer the following:

- a) Explain any three causes that led to the rise of Jainism and Buddhism [3]
- b) What were the doctrines of Buddhism? [3]
- c) What were Jataka Tales and Tripitakas? [4]

Question 7.



- a) Identify the picture. In which state it is located in? Name the ruler who built it. [3]
- b) Besides the above monument name three other sources that give us information about the Mauryan Empire. [3]
- c) Mention the features of the above image. [4]

Question 8. With reference to the Sangam Age answer the following:

- a) What were Megaliths? Mention its features. [3]
- b) Mention the Literary source of the Sangam Age. Who wrote it? What information does it give us about the Sangam Age? [3]
- c) Write a short note on society during the Sangam Age. [4]