

CBSE
Class VI Social Science
Term 1
Sample Paper – 1

Time: 2½ hours

Total Marks: 75

General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
 - (ii) Marks for each question are indicated against the question.
 - (iii) In each section, questions from serial number **1 to 5 are multiple choice questions** (MCQs) of **1 mark each**. Every MCQ is provided with four alternatives. Write the correct alternative in your answer book.
 - (iv) Questions from serial number **6 to 10 are 2 marks questions**.
 - (v) Questions from serial number **10 to 12 are 5 marks questions**.
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SECTION A
History

Question 1 – Records of the past are arranged in which order? [1]

- a) Mathematical
- b) Chronological
- c) Geometrical
- d) None of the above

Question 2 – When did humans first appear on Earth? [1]

- a) 10000 years ago
- b) 20000 years ago
- c) 30000 years ago
- d) 40000 years ago

Question 3 – Which crop requires more water to grow compared to wheat and barley? [1]

- a) Rice
- b) Bajra
- c) Jowar
- d) Maize

Question 4 – How many years back were the Harappan cities developed? [1]

- a) 4700 years ago
- b) 4000 years ago
- c) 3500 years ago
- d) 2500 years ago

Question 5 – In which Age did humans begin farming? [1]

- a) Mesolithic Age
- b) Neolithic Age
- c) Palaeolithic Age
- d) None of the above

Question 6 – What is the Vedic Age also known as? [2]

Question 7 – Who were the untouchables and what kinds of jobs did they do? [2]

Question 8 – What is history? [2]

Question 9 – Which plants were cultivated during the Neolithic period? [2]

Question 10 – What sets of unique objects were found in the cities of the Indus valley civilisation? [2]

Question 11 – State at least four reasons why hunter-gatherers move from place to place. [5]

Question 12 – Who were Dasas/Dasyus? [5]

SECTION B

Civics

Question 1 – Ladakh is situated in the eastern part of which state? [1]

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Punjab
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Uttaranchal

Question 2 – The traveler who wrote about the lives of Muslims in Kerala is one of the writers listed below: [1]

- a) Al Beruni
- b) Abdul Razzak
- c) Afanasy Nikitin
- d) Ibn Battuta

Question 3 – How many major religions are there in the world? [1]

- a) Seven
- b) Three
- c) Eight
- d) Five

Question 4 – The term used for disabled children is one of the terms listed below: [1]

- a) God's children
- b) Special children
- c) Children with special needs
- d) All of the above

Question 5 – What is a monarchy? [1]

- a) Rule by a king or queen
- b) Chosen by the people
- c) None of them
- d) A and B

Question 6 – What do we mean by diversity? [2]

Question 7 – After which massacre was the song 'Don't forget the days of blood, O friend' composed? [2]

Question 8 – What do we mean by prejudice? [2]

Question 9 – What are the various levels at which the government works? [2]

Question 10 – Who are the main members of the Gram Sabha? [2]

Question 11 – How is a Gram Panchayat formed? [5]

Question 12 – How does the government in India promote justice? [5]

SECTION C

Geography

Question 1 - The major physical divisions of India includes one of the following options:[1]

- a) Peninsula Plateau
- b) North India plains
- c) Great mountains of the North Himalayas North India plains
- d) All of the above

Question 2 – Which two major rivers flow into the Arabian Sea? [1]

- a) Brahmaputra and Kaveri
- b) Krishna and Godavari
- c) Ganga and Yamuna
- d) Narmada and Tapi

Question 3 - At which position does the Earth experience equal days and equal nights? [1]

- a) Summer Solstice
- b) Equinox
- c) Winter Solstice
- d) None of the above

Question 4 - How many time zones are there in Russia? [1]

- a) 2 time zones
- b) 10 time zones
- c) 11 time zones
- d) 12 time zones

- Question 5** - Which of the following is the natural habitat of the Indian lion? [1]
- a) Kaziranga
 - b) Periyar
 - c) Sunderbans
 - d) Gir forest
- Question 6** - Describe the Great Indian Desert. [2]
- Question 7** - What would happen if the Earth did not rotate? [2]
- Question 8** - What are the special features of a globe? [2]
- Question 9** - Define climate? What type of climate does India have? [2]
- Question 10** - What are migratory birds? Name a few of them. [2]
- Question 11** - Explain summer solstice? [5]
- Question 12** - Why does the amount of heat reduce as we go from the Equator to the North Pole or South Pole? [5]

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SECTION A
History

Answers

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. B

Answer 6 – The Vedic Age is also known as the age of the epics, as the two famous epics Ramayana and Mahabharata were composed during this time.

Answer 7 - Untouchables included some crafts persons, hunters and gatherers as well as people who helped perform burials and cremations. It was believed as per the priest's saying that contact with these groups was polluting.

Answer 8 – History can be defined as the study of our past. It is the story of the people who lived in the past. The events which happened in the past, ten or thousand years ago, are part of our history.

Answer 9 – The plants cultivated during the Neolithic period were wheat, barley, figs, oats and tall grasses.

Answer 10 – Unique objects found in almost all the cities of the Indus Valley civilisation are listed below:

- i) Red pottery painted with designs in black
- ii) Stone weights
- iii) Seals
- iv) Special beads
- v) Copper tools
- vi) Long stone blades

Answer 11 - The four reasons why hunter-gatherers move from place to place are as follows:

- i) Staying at one place finishes all available food—plant or animal resources.
- ii) Animals moved from place to place, and hence, this made the hunter-gatherers move along with them for hunting.
- iii) Plants and trees bore fruit in different seasons. Thus, people had to move season to season to find different kinds of plants.
- iv) Plants and animals needed water to survive. Although most of the water bodies (lakes, ponds and streams) were perennial, some were seasonal. Thus, people living on the banks had to go in search of water during the dry seasons.

Answer 12 - Dasas/Dasyus were a group of people who were different from Aryans (people who composed hymns). They also spoke a different language. Most of the dasas were enslaved and so the term 'dasa' (and the feminine dasi) came to mean slave. These were women and men who were often captured in war and were treated as the property of their owners. They had to do whatever work was given to them by their masters.

SECTION B

Civics

Answers

- 1. C
- 2. D
- 3. C
- 4. C
- 5. A

Answer 6 - Diversity is understanding that each individual is unique and includes recognising our individual differences. The differences can be in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs or other ideologies.

Answer 7 - The song was composed and sung after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. It was sung in the memory of brave Indian people who lost their lives protesting against the British.

Answer 8 - Prejudice means judging other people negatively or considering them to be inferior. For example, when we think that only one particular way is the best and right way to do things, we often end up not respecting others who prefer to do the same things differently.

Answer 9 – The government works at the following three levels:

Local level – This level includes village, town or locality.

State level – This level covers the entire state, e.g. Haryana or Maharashtra.

National level – This level is related to the whole country.

Answer 10 – Gram Sabha consists of the Panchayat president called the Sarpanch and the Panchs who are the members of the Panchayat.

Answer 11 - Gram Panchayat is formed in the following manner:

- i) Every village Panchayat is divided into wards, i.e. smaller areas.
- ii) Each ward elects a representative who is known as the Ward Member (Panch).
- iii) All the members of the Gram Sabha also elect a Sarpanch who is the Panchayat President.
- iv) The Ward Panchs and Sarpanch form the Gram Panchayat.

Answer 12 – The government recognises and makes special provisions for groups within society that face inequality. For instance, in our society, there is a general tendency to value and care for the boy child more than the girl child.

This means that society does not value the girl and boy child equally, and this is unjust. Hence, the government steps in to promote justice by providing special provisions that can enable girls to overcome the injustice that they are subjected to. Thus, it is possible that fees for girls might be waived or lowered in government schools and colleges.

SECTION C

Geography

Answers

- 1. D
- 2. D
- 3. B
- 4. C
- 5. D

Answer 6 – The Great Indian Desert lies in the western part of India in Rajasthan. It is a dry, hot and sandy stretch of land. It has very little vegetation.

Answer 7 - If the Earth did not rotate, the portion of the Earth facing the Sun would always experience day and would be hot continuously. The other half would remain in darkness and be freezing cold. Life would not be possible in such extreme conditions.

Answer 8 - A globe is a true model (miniature form) of the Earth. It may be small or big in size. It shows countries, continents and oceans in their correct size. In addition, it is not fixed but can be rotated.

Answer 9 - The average weather condition of a place measured over many years is called the climate. India has a monsoon type of climate.

Answer 10 - Birds that move from one country to another country in winters are called migratory birds. Examples include Siberian Crane, Stork, Pintail Duck and Curlew.

Answer 11 - On the 21st of June, the Northern Hemisphere is tilted towards the Sun, while the Southern Hemisphere is turned away from the Sun. The rays of the Sun fall vertically over the Tropic of Cancer and a large portion of the Northern Hemisphere receives the heat and light of the Sun. Days are longer than the nights in the Northern Hemisphere and they experience the summer season. The longest day and the shortest night occur on 21st June in the Northern Hemisphere. At this time, all the conditions are reversed in the Southern Hemisphere and they experience winter. This position of the Earth is called the Summer Solstice.

Answer 12 - As the Earth is spherical in shape, the Equator receives direct sunrays and the North Pole and the South Pole receive slanting sunrays. Places located in the Torrid Zone experience vertical rays of the Sun at least twice a year, and this region receives maximum heat. Places in the temperate zone receive slanting rays of the Sun and less heat, while the Frigid Zone is very cold receiving the extremely slanting rays of the Sun. Hence, the amount of heat received in the areas of North Pole or South Pole is lesser than areas located in the Equator.