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PERIODIC TEST-I, 2026-27
SOCIAL SCIENCE 087
SET-2

Class: IX

Date: 13.06.26

Admission no:

Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no:

INSTRUCTION:

- I. Question paper comprises five Sections–A, B, C, D and E. There are 11 questions in the question paper.
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. Section A –Question 1 to 3 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
- IV. Section B–Question no.5 and 6 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 20-40 words.
- V. Section C–Question no.7, 8 and 9 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 40-60 words.
- VI. Section D–Question no.10 is Long Type Question, carrying 5 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 80-100 words.
- VII. Section E–Question no.11 is a case study, carrying 4 marks.

SECTION-A

1. Regular MCQ Since the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, the distance between India and Europe has been reduced by: 1

- (a) 3.28 million km (b) 15,200 km (c) 7,000 km (d) 7,516.6 km

2. **Assertion (A):** India occupies an important strategic position in South Asia. 1

Reason (R): India has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean, and no other country has a coastline as long as India's.

- (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true but R is false. (d) A is false but R is true.

3. Which of the following is considered a 'fixed capital' in the process of production? 1

- a). Raw materials like yarn and clay. b) Money in hand to make payments.
c) Tools, machines, and land d) Labour provided by landless farmers.

SECTION –B

4. Name the two seas that are located to the east and west of the Indian mainland. 2
5. Distinguish between 'Fixed Capital' and 'Working Capital' with examples. 2

SECTION C

7. "While agriculture is the main activity in Palampur, non-farm activities also play a significant role." Justify this statement with examples from the village. 3
8. You are writing a script for a documentary called "*The Silk and Spice Highway*." You need to explain how India acted as a "bridge" for ideas. List three specific Indian "intellectual exports" that reached the world through ancient routes. Identify one "material export" mentioned in the text that was highly valued by foreign traders. How did this exchange benefit India in return? 3
9. Why is the distribution of land unequal in Palampur, and how does it affect the small farmers? 3

SECTION D

10. Why is there a time lag between Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh, and how has India resolved this issue? Explain the significance of the Standard Meridian. 5

SECTION E

11. Case Study:

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

"In Palampur, land is unequally distributed. Out of 450 families, 150 families, most of them Dalits, are landless. Of the remaining families who own land, 240 families cultivate small plots of land less than 2 hectares in size. Cultivation of such plots doesn't bring adequate income to the farmer family. On the other hand, more than 60 families of medium and large farmers cultivate more than 2 hectares of land. A few of the large farmers have land extending over 10 hectares or more."

1. How many families in Palampur are landless? 1
2. What is the impact of cultivating "small plots" (less than 2 hectares) on a farmer's family? 1
3. Who provides the labour for medium and large farmers, and how is it different from small farmers? 2

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