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PERIODIC TEST I, 2026-27 SOCIAL SCIENCE 087

Class: VII
Date: 17/06/2026
Admission No:

SET A

Time: 1Hr.
Max Marks: 25
Roll No:

INSTRUCTIONS:

- I. The question paper comprises five Sections – A, B, C, D and E.
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. Section A – Questions 1 to 5 are MCQs (1 mark each).
- IV. Section B – Questions 6 and 7 are Very Short Answer Questions (2 marks each).
- V. Section C – Questions 8 and 9 are Short Answer Questions (3 marks each).
- VI. Section D – Question 10 is a Long Answer Question (5 marks).
- VII. Section E – Question 11 is a Map Work Question (5 marks).

SECTION A (1×5 = 5 marks)

1. Why are most Himalayan rivers perennial?

- a) Due to rainfall only
- b) Due to glacier and snow melt from the Himalayas
- c) Due to underground water
- d) Due to monsoon winds

2. Which range is characterised by “rolling hills and dense forests” and acts as a gateway to the Northern Plains?

- a) Himadri
- b) Himachal
- c) Shivalik
- d) Purvanchal

3. A king in a janapada could NOT rule arbitrarily because:

- a) There was no army
- b) Assemblies like sabhā and samiti advised him
- c) People voted daily
- d) There were no laws

4. What is the BEST reason for the growth of trade in the Second Urbanisation?

- a) Decline of villages
- b) Use of coins and development of routes
- c) Lack of agriculture
- d) Absence of rulers

5. What was the main purpose of fortifications and moats around ancient cities?

- a) To increase trade
- b) To decorate the city
- c) To protect the city from attacks
- d) To store water for farming

SECTION B (2×2 = 4 marks)

6. Why did early settlements develop in the Gangetic plains instead of desert regions?

7. Why can some mahājanapadas be called early democracies?

SECTION C (3×2 = 6 marks)

8. Explain how iron technology led to economic and political growth in early India.

9. Analyse how geographical diversity influences the lifestyle of people in India.

SECTION D (5 marks)

10. “The rise of Mahājanapadas was a turning point in Indian history.” Justify this statement.

SECTION E (5 marks)

11. On the outline map of India:

a) Mark the following: (3 marks)

- Himalayas
- Thar Desert
- Gangetic Plains

b) Identify and label **one important mahājanapada** and explain **one geographical reason for its development**. (2 marks)

*******ALL THE BEST*******

Name: _____ Class: _____ Section: _____ Date: _____

