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PERIODIC TEST I, 2026-27 SOCIAL SCIENCE 087

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

SET B

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: MCQs (1×5 = 5 marks)

1. Why do Himalayan rivers flow throughout the year?

- a) Due to seasonal rainfall
- b) Due to glacier and snow melt
- c) Due to underground sources
- d) Due to desert climate

2. What is a key feature of the Shivalik range?

- a) Highest peaks
- b) Permanent snow cover
- c) Loose rocks and forests
- d) Flat plains

3. In some early states, rulers took advice from assemblies before making decisions. What does this suggest about governance in those states?

- a) Absolute monarchy
- b) Military rule
- c) Collective decision-making
- d) Foreign control

4. During the Second Urbanisation, coins were introduced and trade routes expanded across regions. What was the main impact of this development?

- a) Decline of agriculture
- b) Growth of trade and cities
- c) Isolation of regions
- d) Decrease in population

5. Ancient cities were often surrounded by walls and deep ditches filled with water. What was the main purpose of these features?

- a) Decoration
- b) Defence
- c) Irrigation
- d) Trade

SECTION B: Very Short Answers (2×2 = 4 marks)

6. Explain how natural features influenced where people settled in ancient India.
7. Why were assemblies important in the functioning of some early states?

SECTION C: Short Answers (3×2 = 6 marks)

8. Analyse how the use of iron tools changed both agriculture and political power in early India.
9. Explain how geographical diversity leads to differences in occupation and lifestyle in India.

SECTION D: Long Answer (5 marks)

10. Evaluate the importance of the rise of cities during the Second Urbanisation in shaping early Indian society and economy.

SECTION E: Map Work (5 marks)

11. On the outline map of India:

a) Mark the following:

- Northern Mountains (Himalayas)
- Desert region (Thar Desert)
- Northern Plains

b) Identify and label one Mahājanapada and explain one geographical advantage that helped it grow.

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

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

