



B.K. BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION

SARALA BIRLA GROUP OF SCHOOLS
A CBSE DAY-CUM-BOYS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



PRE MID TERM EXAM, 2026-27 SOCIAL SCIENCE

Class: VIII

SET-1

Date: 20/07/2026

Admission No:

Time: 1 Hr.

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. The Maratha Navy was considered a revolutionary step because it:
 - a) Protected coastal regions and maritime trade
 - b) Helped the Mughals expand
 - c) Controlled northern India
 - d) Replaced forts
2. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj successfully defeated larger armies mainly through the effective use of:
 - a) Siege warfare
 - b) Guerrilla warfare
 - c) Trench warfare
 - d) Naval blockades
3. Vasco da Gama's arrival in India in 1498 marked the beginning of:
 - a) Mughal rule
 - b) European colonial expansion in India
 - c) Maratha expansion
 - d) French administration
4. The significance of the Battle of Plassey lay in the fact that it:
 - a) Ended British influence in Bengal
 - b) Strengthened Mughal authority
 - c) Opened the way for British political control in India
 - d) Led to Maratha supremacy
5. The Doctrine of Lapse was introduced primarily to:
 - a) Protect Indian rulers
 - b) Expand British territories
 - c) Encourage trade
 - d) Reduce taxation

SECTION B (2×2 = 4 marks)

6. How did the coronation at Raigad Fort strengthen Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's position as a ruler?
7. State two factors that attracted European powers to India.

SECTION C (3×2 = 6 marks)

8. Examine any three leadership qualities of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj that contributed to the establishment of Swarajya.
9. Analyse any three strategies adopted by the British to expand their influence in India.

SECTION D (5 marks)

10. "From traders to rulers: The British East India Company gradually established its political dominance over India." Discuss.

SECTION E (5 marks)

11. On the outline map of India:

a) Mark and label the following: (3 Marks)

- Raigad
- Surat
- Pondicherry

b) Identify and label the following: (2 Marks)

- Bombay (Mumbai)
- Calcutta (Kolkata)

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

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

