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PRE MID TERM EXAM, 2026-27 SOCIAL SCIENCE

**Class: VIII
Date: 20/07/2026
Admission No:**

SET-2

**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. The Subsidiary Alliance system helped the British to:
 - a) Expand control without direct annexation
 - b) Promote local self-government
 - c) Strengthen Indian rulers
 - d) Reduce military expenditure of Indian states
2. The establishment of Swarajya by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj reflected his vision of:
 - a) Expanding Mughal authority
 - b) Creating an independent and self-governed kingdom
 - c) Supporting European powers
 - d) Establishing foreign settlements
3. The successful escape of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj from Agra demonstrated his:
 - a) Naval skills
 - b) Diplomatic weakness
 - c) Presence of mind and strategic thinking
 - d) Dependence on Mughal support
4. The Portuguese strengthened their control over trade in the Arabian Sea through the:
 - a) Doctrine of Lapse
 - b) Cartaz system
 - c) Subsidiary Alliance
 - d) Permanent Settlement
5. The policy of 'Divide and Rule' was mainly used by the British to:
 - a) Promote national unity
 - b) Encourage democratic governance
 - c) Exploit divisions among Indian groups and rulers
 - d) Increase agricultural production

SECTION B (2×2 = 4 marks)

6. State any two measures adopted by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to strengthen his kingdom.
7. How did the Battle of Plassey contribute to the growth of British power in India?

SECTION C (3×2 = 6 marks)

8. Analyse the importance of the Maratha Navy in protecting the Maratha Empire.
9. Explain any three impacts of colonialism on India.

SECTION D (5 marks)

10. "The leadership of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj laid the foundation of a powerful Maratha Empire." Discuss.

SECTION E (5 marks)

11. On the outline map of India:

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

Raigad
Pratapgad
Pondicherry

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

Surat
Bombay (Mumbai)

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

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

