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PRE MID TERM EXAM, 2026-27

SET- 2

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Class: IX

Date: 25.07.2026

Admission no:

Time: 1hr

Max Marks: 25

Roll no:

INSTRUCTION:

- I. Question paper comprises five Sections–A, B, C, D and E. There are 10 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.4 and 5 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.6, 7 and 8 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 40-60 words.
- VI. Section D–Question no.9 is Long Type Question, carrying 5 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 80-100 words.
- VII. Section E–Question no.10 is Case Study elements, matching the blueprint specifications.

SECTION-A

1. Which of the following estates in French society paid all the taxes before the Revolution? 1
(a) First Estate (b) Second Estate
(c) Third Estate (d) Clergy and Nobility
2. Assertion (A): In a democracy, the final decision-making power must rest with those elected by the people. 1
Reason (R): Democracy is based on a free and fair election where those currently in power have a fair chance of losing.
(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. On which date did the agitated crowd of Paris storm and destroy the fortress-prison, the Bastille? 1
a) 14th July 1789 b) 5th May 1789
c) 20th June 1789 d) 21st September 1792

SECTION-B

4. What was the 'Subsistence Crisis' that occurred frequently in France during the Old Regime? 2
5. State any two features of a non-democratic government with reference to the rights of its citizens. 2

SECTION-C

6. Describe the composition of the French society into Three Estates during the late eighteenth century. 3
7. "Democracy improves the quality of decision-making." Evaluate this statement with three suitable arguments. 3
8. Explain how the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) in Mexico managed to win every presidential election until 2000. Is it a democratic practice? 3

SECTION-D

9. Discuss the causes that led to the outbreak of the French Revolution in 1789. 5

OR

Explain the role of women in the French Revolution.

SECTION-E

10. Case Study:

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

"Democracy is better than any other form of government in responding to the needs of the people. A non-democratic government may and can respond to the people's needs, but it all depends on the wishes of those who rule. If the rulers don't want to, they don't have to act according to the wishes of the people. A democracy requires that the rulers have to attend to the needs of the people. A democratic government is a better government because it is a more accountable form of government."

1. What makes a democratic government more accountable than a non-democratic one? 1
2. Identify one limitation of a non-democratic system mentioned in the text. 1
3. In your own words, explain how a democracy responds to the needs of its people during emergencies. 2

ALL THE BEST