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Class: VIII
Date: 30.06.25
Admission no:

Time: 1hr
Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

INSTRUCTION:

- I. Question paper comprises four Sections–A, B,C and D. There are 13 questions in the question paper.
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. Section A –Question 1 to 6 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
- IV. Section B–Question no.7 to 10 is Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 20-40 words.
- V. Section C–Question no.11 and 12 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40-60 words.
- VI. Section D–Question no.13 is Long Type Question, carrying 5 mark. Answer to this question should not exceed 80-100 words.

SECTION-A

1. Which pair does not belong to the same group 1
 - a) Water and sunshine
 - b) Gold and Silver
 - c) Petroleum and Coal
 - d) Coal and StoneAns. a)
2. Human beings are a resource because of: 1
 - a) Knowledge
 - b) Skills
 - c) Intelligence
 - d) All of theseAns. d)
3. Which of the following resources can get exhaust? 1
 - a) Petroleum
 - b) Water
 - c) Forests
 - d) AirAns. a)
4. When was the Battle of Plassey fought? 1
 - a) 1757
 - b) 1943
 - c) 1847
 - d) 1922Ans. a)
5. Name the famous traitor from the side of the Nawab of Bengal. 1
 - a) Mir Qasim
 - b) Mir Jafar

- c) Jagat Seth
d) None of the above

Ans. b)

6. Who founded the British rule in India in true sense?

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- a) Duplex
b) Robert Clive
c) Dalhousie
d) All of the above

Ans. b)

SECTION –B

7. Explain two types of Natural Resources.

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Ans. Renewable – These resources get renewed quickly like sunshine.

Non-renewable – These resources cannot be replenished once exhausted like coal.

8. Give any two reasons for the conservation of resources.

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Ans. Reasons for Resource Conservation –

- i) Resources support living Organisms
- ii) Our entire ecosystem will be disturbed and so our life on planet Earth as well

9. Write in brief about the doctrine of Lapse.

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Ans. Doctrine of Lapse: According to this system, if any ruler died without a natural heir, his kingdom would be lapsed into British Empire like Jhansi.

10. Explain in brief about subsidiary alliance.

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Ans. Under this system, Princely States had to maintain a British resident, along with military assistance, for which they bore all the costs, as seen in Awadh.

SECTION C

11. Explain the key principles of sustainable development.

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Ans. Key principle of sustainable development –

- i) Respect and care for all forms of life
- ii) Improvement in quality of human life
- iii) Minimise depletion of resources

12. Write a short note on the conquest of Bengal.

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Ans. i) Battle of Plassey led to the foundation of British rule

ii) Acquiring of Diwani rights made them financially strong

iii) Role played by Robert Clive paved the way to the conquest of Bengal

SECTION D

13. How did the assumption of Diwani benefit the East India Company?

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Ans. Benefits of Diwani were-

- i) 1756, the company got Diwani of Bengal
- ii) Now Company can use vast resources of Bengal
- iii) The outflow of Company's Gold and silver stopped
- iv) Revenue of Bengal used in Purchasing silk and cotton
- v) Revenue of Bengal helped in building forts, maintaining troops