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Max Marks: 80  
Roll no:

### General Instructions:

1. There are 37 questions in the Question paper. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper has Three Sections – A-History of 26 Marks, B-Geography of 27 marks and C-Political Science of 27 marks.
3. Each Section has MCQs, VSA, SA, LAs and CBQ.
4. Very Short Answer Type Questions (VSA), carry 2 marks each. Answers to each question should not exceed 40 words.
5. Short Answer Type Questions (SA), carry 3 marks each. Answers to each question should not exceed 60 words.
6. Long answer type questions (LA), carry 5 marks each. Answers to each question should not exceed 120 words.
7. There are case based questions (CBQ) with three sub questions and are of 4 marks each. Answers to each question should not exceed 100 words.
8. The map-based questions, carry 5 marks - Q9. In Section A-History (5 marks)
9. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in a few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions must be attempted.

### SECTION A HISTORY (26 marks)

1. Match the following correctly and choose the correct option:

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	COLUMN A		COLUMN B
A	Cartographer	i	Collection of old records and documents
B	Archives	ii	Regional assembly of elders managing jati rules
C	Jati Panchayat	iii	Scholar who wrote in Persian during the 13th century
D	Minhaj-i-Siraj	iv	Person who makes maps

- a) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2
- b) A-4, B-2, C-1, D-3
- c) A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3
- d) A-2, B-4, C-3, D-1

2. **Assertion (A):** The term “Hindustan” always had the same meaning in history.

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**Reason (R):** Its meaning changed over time depending on the person using it.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- b) A is true, but R is false
- c) A is false, but R is true
- d) Both A and R are false

3. The given picture shows a medieval script with flowing, cursive letters. Identify the style.

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- a) Shikaste                      b) Nastaliq                      c) Brahmi                      d) Devnagari

4A. Name the ruler who defeated the Tomara Rajputs and state the year of their defeat. 2

**OR**

4B. Raziyya, the daughter of Sultan Iltutmish, became Sultan in 1236 and was described by chronicler Minhaj-i-Siraj as more capable than her brothers. Yet, she was removed from the throne in 1240. Based on this, explain why her rule was not accepted and what it reveals about women's status in that period.

5. The Chola rulers are known for their efficient administration. Based on this, name one important administrative division, explain its function, and describe how village affairs were managed. 3

6. Describe Prashastis and Land Grants. How did they help in understanding the history of early India? 5

7. Explain the changes in the use of the term "Hindustan" over time. Give examples from different historical sources. 5

8. Read the given text and answer the following questions: (1+1+2=4)

Vijayalaya, a Chola chief from the Kaveri delta, captured the city of Tanjavur in the mid-ninth century. The Cholas gradually expanded their territory by defeating neighbouring kingdoms like the Pandyas and Pallavas. Under rulers like Rajaraja I and Rajendra I, the Cholas became powerful, with strong armies and navies.

8.1 Who was Vijayalaya and which city did he capture?

8.2 Name any one neighbouring kingdom defeated by the Cholas.

8.3 Mention two ways in which the Cholas expanded their territory.

9. On the outline map of India, mark and label the following. 5

- (i) Palas                      (ii) Cholas                      (iii) Delhi                      (iv) Rajasthan                      (v) Malwa

### **SECTION B**

#### **GEOGRAPHY (27 marks)**

10. If a pond dries up in a village, which components of the environment will be directly affected first? 1

- a) Rocks and minerals                      b) Aquatic plants and animals  
c) Roads and bridges                      d) Mountains

11. Which action would best protect a local ecosystem? 1  
 a) Expanding a factory near a river                      b) Constructing roads through a forest  
 c) Planting trees and conserving water                  d) Increasing hunting activities
12. **Assertion (A):** Human activities do not affect natural ecosystems. 1  
**Reason (R):** Pollution, deforestation, and construction are human activities.
- 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.
13. Which of the following pairs is correct? 1  
 a) Igneous → Formed from sediments  
 b) Metamorphic → Formed under heat and pressure  
 c) Sedimentary → Formed from molten magma  
 d) Intrusive → Cooled rapidly on surface
14. Which of the following is an endogenic sudden force? 1  
 a) River erosion    b) Wind deposition  
 c) Earthquake    d) Sea wave erosion
15. Distinguish between biotic and abiotic environments. 2
16. Name the constituents of the oceanic crust. 2
17. Which are the major components of the environment? 2
18. Ravi lives in an earthquake-prone area. His school is teaching students how to stay safe during earthquakes. Based on what you have learnt, suggest **three safety steps** Ravi and his family should follow during an earthquake and explain **why** each step is important. 3
19. Draw a neatly labelled diagram and write a detailed note on the interior of the Earth. 3
20. With the help of a creatively designed and neatly labelled diagram, describe the complete Rock Cycle process. 5
21. Read the given text and answer the following questions: (1+1+2=4)  
 On 26 January 2001, an earthquake struck the Kutch region of Gujarat. It measured 6.9 on the Richter scale and caused massive destruction. Thousands of people lost their lives, and many buildings collapsed. The epicentre was near Bhuj. Rescue teams from all over the country helped in relief work. The government also spread awareness about earthquake preparedness in the affected areas.
- 21.1 Why do you think the loss of life was so high in the Gujarat earthquake of 2001?  
 21.2 Name the place near which the epicentre of this earthquake was located.  
 21.3 Mention two impacts of the Gujarat earthquake as given in the case study.

### **SECTION C** **POLITICAL SCIENCE (27 marks)**

22. In a classroom, the teacher allows only boys to answer questions. This violates the principle of: 1  
 a) Liberty    b) Equality  
 c) Sovereignty    d) None of the above

23. **Assertion (A):** All citizens are equal before the law. 1

**Reason (R):** The Constitution of India grants equality as a Fundamental Right.

- 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

24. Match the following forms of equality with their examples: 1

	Type of Equality		Example
A	Political equality	i	Equal pay for equal work
B	Social equality	ii	All citizens can vote
C	Economic equality	iii	No discrimination based on caste

- a) A-ii, B-iii, C-i
- b) B-i, A-ii, C-iii
- c) B-iii, C-ii, A-i
- d) C-i, B-iii, A-ii

25. The term "universal adult franchise" means: 1

- a) Only men can vote
- b) All adult citizens have the right to vote
- c) Voting is compulsory for all
- d) Only literate people can vote

26. A company pays women workers less than men for the same work. This is a violation of: 1

- a) Right to Freedom
- b) Right to Equality
- c) Right to Constitutional Remedies
- d) None of the above

27. Which of the following is *not* a form of media? 1

- a) Television
- b) Newspaper
- c) Radio
- d) Parliament

28. Which is the cheapest and most widely accessible form of media in India? 1

- a) Internet
- b) Television
- c) Radio
- d) Newspapers

29. The main role of media in a democracy is to: 1

- a) Entertain people
- b) Promote only government policies
- c) Inform people and create awareness
- d) Keep people busy

30. A company pays a news channel to show positive reports about its product. This is called: 1

- a) Biased coverage
- b) Paid news
- c) Breaking news
- d) Press freedom

31. Gender roles are: 1

- a) Fixed and natural
- b) Created by society and culture
- c) Decided by biological differences only
- d) The same in all countries

32. The idea that girls should help with household work while boys play outside is an example of: 1

- a) Gender equality
- b) Gender stereotype
- c) Cultural exchange
- d) Equal opportunity

33. **Assertion (A):** Gender equality means equal opportunities for both boys and girls. 1

**Reason (R):** Both boys and girls have the same physical strength.

- 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

34. Write a note on equality in Indian democracy. 3
35. How does unequal distribution of household responsibilities affect girls' education and career opportunities? 3
36. Explain how the media can 'set the agenda' in a democracy. Support your answer with two examples from the chapter. 5

**OR**

Discuss the importance of a balanced report in the media. Why is it difficult to achieve? Use examples from the chapter.

37. Read the given text and answer the following questions: (1+1+2=4)

**Growing Up Male in Madhya Pradesh**

In the 1960s, boys and girls in Madhya Pradesh attended separate schools. Girls' schools had enclosed courtyards for safety, while boys had open playgrounds. After school, girls walked home in groups without lingering in public spaces due to safety concerns. Boys, on the other hand, used streets for playing and cycling.

- 37.1. What type of playground did boys have in Madhya Pradesh in the 1960s?
- 37.2. Why did girls in Madhya Pradesh walk home in groups?
- 37.3. Give two reasons why girls were more restricted in public spaces than boys.

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**Map for Q 9 (SECTION A)**

