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MID TERM EXAMINATION, 2023-24

SUBJECT-SOCIAL SCIENCE

CLASS: VII

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Admission No: -----

DATE: 20/10/2023

Maximum Marks: 80

Roll No: -----

General Instructions:

- The question paper comprises Six Sections – A, B, C, D, E and F. There are 37 questions in the Question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- Section A** – From questions 1 to 20 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
- Section B** – Question no. 21 to 24 are Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 40 words.
- Section C** contains Q.25 to Q.29 are Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 words
- Section D** – Question no. 30 to 33 are long answer type questions, carrying 5 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 120 words.
- Section-E** - Questions no from 34 to 36 are case based questions with three sub questions and are of 4 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 100 words.
- Section F** – Question no. 37 is map based, carrying 5 marks with two parts.
- There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions have to be attempted.

SECTION-A

MCQs (1×20=20)

- The Persian wheel is related to _____
a. Trade b. Commerce c. Irrigation d. Travel
- Which of the following rulers were involved in the tripartite struggles?
a. Gurjara-Pratihara, Chera and Pala dynasties
b. Gurjara-Pratihara, Chola and Chera dynasties
c. Gurjara-Pratihara, Chola and Pala dynasties
d. Gurjara-Pratihara, Rashtrakuta and Pala dynasties
- _____ accompanied Mahmud of Ghazni to India during various raids.
a. Ibn Battuta b. Al Biruni c. Al-Masudi d. Abul Fazl
- The _____ dynasty was the most powerful dynasties in South India.
a. Pala b. Chola c. Chalukyas d. Rashtrakutas
- Razia Sultan had to step down from the throne because _____
a. She was a woman in man's world b. She was unwise and unjust
c. Her Brothers revolted against her d. All of these
- Heavily fortified towns with the presence of soldiers were known as _____
a. Administrative posts b. Garrison Towns c. Barracks d. Capital
- _____ were a group of highly placed & powerful officers, whom Iltutmish had organised as his personal supporters.
a. Chalgans b. Iqtas c. Muqtis d. Bardis

8. Place the correct option under the correct heading.

Physical Environment	Biological Environment	Human Environment
Mountain	Grass	_____ ?

- a. Soil b. Humans c. Tiger d. Hospital

9. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Mark your answer as per the codes provided below:

Assertion (A): Atmosphere is the thin layer of the Earth which surrounds the Earth. The gravitational force of the Earth holds the atmosphere around it.

Reason (R): The atmosphere protects us from the harmful rays of the Sun. It also keeps the earth warm by absorbing the heat radiated from the surface.

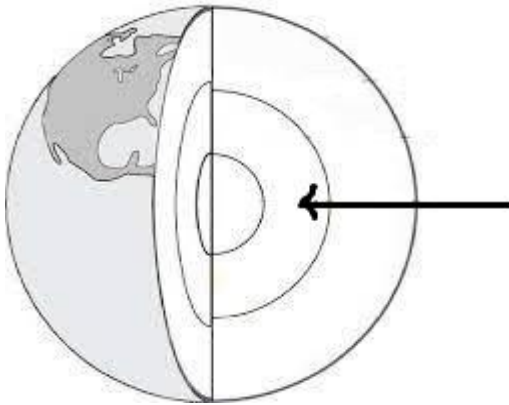
- a. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- b. Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c. (A) is correct but (R) is wrong
- d. (A) is wrong but (R) is correct

10. Place the correct name into the box from the options given below.

Igneous rock	Sedimentary rock	Metamorphic rock
Basalt	_____ ?	quartzite

- a. Marble b. Dolerite c. Gypsum d. Obsidian

11. Which layer of the earth has been marked with an arrow?



- a. Inner core b. Mantle c. Core d. Crust

12. _____ are the naturally occurring inorganic substances found in the Earth's crust.

- a. Minerals b. Rocks c. crevices d. All of these

13. _____ is a narrow boundary that separates the stratosphere from the troposphere.

- a. Stratopause b. Mesopause c. Tropopause d. None of these

14. Which one of the following gases constitutes the major portion of the atmosphere?

- a. Oxygen b. Nitrogen c. Argon d. Carbon dioxide

15. Which of the following statements is true _____

- a. The lithosphere contains the crust
- b. The crust contains the lithosphere
- c. The lithosphere and crust are different terms for the same part of the Earth
- d. The lithosphere and crust are totally separate parts of the Earth

16. Look at the picture given below. Identify the name of one of the famous personalities.



- a. Dr.Rajendra Prasad b. Dr. Ambedkar c. Dr. B.N.Rao d. None of These

17. We need a government to _____

- a. Make laws b. Settle disputes c. Enforce public order d. All of these

18. The advertising agency carries out _____ across various cities and sections of the society and comes up with a campaign to launch the product successfully in the market.

- a. Sale b. An exhibition c. An experiment d. A survey

19. _____ of products by famous people like cricketers or film actors also influences the thinking of the consumers.

- a. Endorsement b. The use c. Selling d. None of these

20. As more and more products and services are advertised on different media, there is an increase in the desire to buy or consume these products and services even though one does not need them. This is known as _____

- a. Advertising b. Consumerism c. Plagiarism d. Endorsement

SECTION B

VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

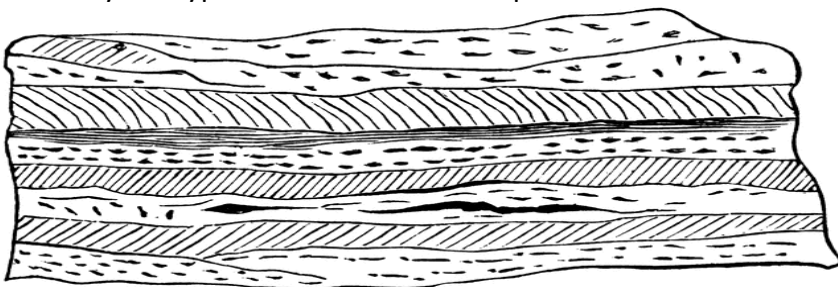
(2×4=8)

21. Name the five dynasties of Delhi Sultanate in a chronological order. 2
22. Differentiate between biotic & abiotic elements of environment with examples. 2

Or

How is lithosphere useful to us?

23. Identify the type of rock shown in the picture? How is it formed? 2



24. What are the different modes of media through which advertisement is portrayed? 2

SECTION C

SHORT ANSWER-BASED QUESTIONS

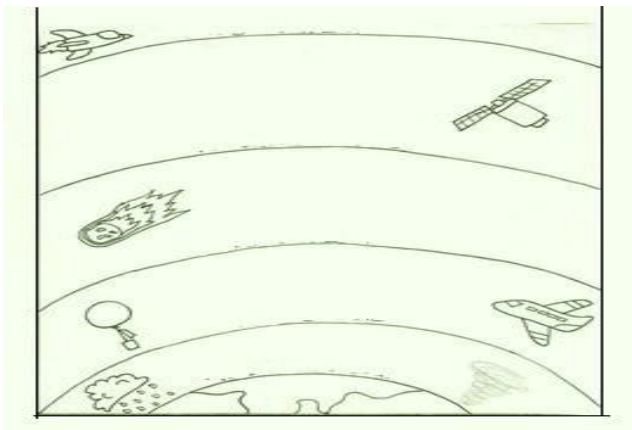
(3×5=15)

25. Why is India known as Bharat? How did it come to be known as Hindustan? 3
26. How many times did Mahmud Ghazni invade India? What was his aim? 3

Or

Write a note on the Chola village assemblies.

27. Distinguish between intrusive & extrusive igneous rocks. Give examples of each. 3
28. Study the picture and answer the questions that follow. 3



- A. Identify different layers of the atmosphere.
- B. Name the layer where all the weather phenomena like rainfall, fog and hailstorm take place.
- C. Name the layer where meteorites burn up on entering from the space.

29. What is midday meal scheme? How is it benefitting the poor section of society? 3

SECTION D

LONG ANSWER-BASED QUESTIONS (5×4=20)

30. Muhammad Bin Tughlaq was the most learned sultan of the Delhi Sultanate. But despite his learning many of his innovations failed. Identify the reasons for his failure. 5

Or

Outline Aladdin Khilji's rule with special mention to market reforms and administration.

31. What are the uses of rocks? 5

Or

Describe the interior of the earth.

32. Examine the significance of the atmosphere. 5

Or

With the help of diagram describe the composition of the atmosphere.

33. What steps would you follow if you were to create an advertisement for a product? 5

Or

Create a social advertisement to spread awareness about a social issue which you would like to share with society.

SECTION E

CASE-BASED QUESTIONS (4×3=12)

34 Read the source given below and answer the questions that follow:

Extension of agriculture was marked by the gradual clearing of forests which in turn led to the migration of forest dwellers to other areas. More and more people started tilling the soil. Regional markets, chieftains, rulers and religion influenced the peasants. They became part of large complex societies and were required to pay taxes. They also offered goods and services to the local lords. Some peasants were rich while others were poor and some others were artisans as well as farmers.

New and better technology were introduced in agriculture which enhanced the production of crops. In irrigation, the Persian wheel came to be used. The spinning wheel made weaving clothes easier. In combat,

firearms came to be used for writing, paper was introduced. New food items and beverages such as potatoes, corn, chillies, tea and coffee arrived in India along with the different groups of people from other parts of the world.

1. What was the effect of extension of agriculture? 1
2. Who became the part of large & complex society during the medieval period? 1
3. Which new technologies were brought to India during the medieval period? 2

35. Read the source given below and answer the questions that follow:

Human beings are an important part of the biosphere. In fact, humans are the only living organisms who have consciously altered the environment to suit their needs.

Early humans lived in the natural environment and adapted themselves according to their surroundings with the passage of time, the requirements of human beings increased and in order to fulfil their needs, humans have modified their natural environment through various activities without realising its adverse effects.

Farming, grazing mining, lumbering, industry, transport and construction are some human activities that have affected our natural environment. This resulted in the disruption of the ecological balance.

Degradation of the environment has been brought about primarily by human interference. Therefore, we need to be sensitive and aware of the various environmental problems and take care not to destroy our environment any further.

1. Why have humans altered the environment? 1
2. Mention the human activities which have modified the environment. 1
3. Define the term "lumbering". 2

36. Read the source given below and answer the questions that follow:

Velmurugan a dalit boy and Ramesh, a non-dalit, are friends from school. Velmurugan is often invited to study with Ramesh at his home in the dalit colony does not have electricity and the street lamp outside his house is often broken. Velmurugan is a bright student and he helps Ramesh with his homework. However, Velmurugan must always sit outside the house on the floor below the elevated platform of the verandah, where Ramesh sits. At dinner-time, Ramesh is called inside to eat with his family. On the rare occasions on which Ramesh insists that his friend should join them for meals, his parents stipulate: that Velmurugan must eat outside and off the plate that is kept for the dalit housekeeper. Velmurugan is also asked to wash the plate before and after he eats.

1. What are the basic amenities of life? 1
2. Which facilities are missing for Velmurugan? 1
3. Do you think people in this area will change their elected representative in the next elections? Why? 2

37. Map Work

(1×5=05)

Two places A and B have been marked on the given outline map of India. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them.

- i. A place where Muhammad Bin Tughlaq shifted his capital from Delhi 1
- ii. A place where Rajarajesvara temple constructed by Rajaraj-I 1

On the same outline map of India locate and label any 3 of the following with suitable symbols.

- i. Red Fort 1
- ii. Battle of Tarain 1
- iii. Kanauj 1

