

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2022-23
CLASS- IX (ICSE)

Time : 2 hrs. **SUBJECT- HISTORY, CIVICS GEOGRAPHY PAPER- 1**

M.M.: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

- i. Answer to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
- ii. You will **NOT** be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
- iii. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
- iv. Attempt all questions from Part-I (Compulsory). A total of **FIVE** questions are to be attempted from Part- II, Two out of Three questions from Section- A and Three out of **FIVE** questions from Section-B.
- v. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []

PART- I (30 MARKS)

(Attempt all questions from this Part)

- Q.1 Answer the following questions briefly.
- a. What do you understand by Right to equality? [1]
 - b. Name the Act that gave legal sanctity to the Constituent Assembly. [1]
 - c. Mention the Fundamental Duty which has been added by the Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002. [1]
 - d. To whom can the citizens of India file an application if they wish to seek any information from the government authorities? [1]
 - e. What are known as Directive Principles of State Policy? [1]
 - f. Name one important source of Directive Principles. [1]
 - g. Name the oldest sitting members of the Central Assembly. [1]
 - h. Name the three organs of the Government. [1]
 - i. Name the plan which proposed to set up the Constituent Assembly. [1]
 - j. What is meant by the term 'Democratic'? [1]
- Q.2
- a. What is meant by the term 'the Sangam Age'? [2]
 - b. What are Megaliths? What were their purpose? [2]
 - c. Who wrote Arthashastra? What is its importance? [2]
 - d. What is meant by Ashoka's Dhamma. [2]
 - e. Name the two dramas written by Kalidasa. [2]
 - f. What contribution did Aryabhatta make in the field of science? [2]
 - g. Mention any two military reforms introduced by Alauddin Khilji. [2]
 - h. Name the epics written during the later Vedic Period. [2]
 - i. State any two causes that led to the decline of the Harappan Civilization. [2]
 - j. How many Tirthankaras are there as per the Jain traditions? Why is Mahavira referred to as the founder of Jainism? [2]

PART-II (50 MARKS)

SECTION- A

(Answer any **Two** Question from this Section)

- Q.3 With reference to the making of Indian Constitution and Objective Resolution, answer the following:
- a. Why was January 26 Chosen for the commencement of the constitution? [3]
 - b. Who proposed the Resolution? When was the Resolution passed by the Constituent Assembly? [3]
 - c. State any two points of the Objective Resolution. [4]
- Q.4 With reference to the salient features of our constitution, answer the following:
- a. State any three differences between the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. [3]
 - b. Write short note on single citizenship. [3]
 - c. Name any four Fundamental Rights. [4]

- Q.5 With reference to the concept of a 'Welfare State', answer the following questions: [3]
- a. What is meant by a 'Welfare State'? [3]
 - b. What happens in case of any conflict between the Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights? Give reason to support your answer. [3]
 - c. Mention any four government schemes aimed at social upliftment of the poor. [4]

SECTION- B

(Attempt any **Three** Questions from this Section)

- Q.6 With reference to the society that existed during the Sangam Age, answer the following: [3]
- a. Explain the position of women during the Sangam Age. [3]
 - b. Name the four castes mentioned in the Tolkappiyam. [4]
 - c. Name any four divisions (tinai) mentioned in the Sangam literature. [4]
- Q.7 With reference to the Age of the Guptas, answer the following questions: [3]
- a. Explain the extent of Samudragupta's Empire based on the information given in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription. [3]
 - b. Explain how Chandragupta II expanded his empire. [4]
 - c. Briefly mention any four observations of Fa- hien about the reign of Chandragupta II. [4]
- Q.8 With reference to Khilji dynasty, answer the following questions: [3]
- a. What were the steps taken by Alauddin Khilji to regulate prices? [3]
 - b. What measures did Alauddin Khilji take to increase the revenue? [4]
 - c. What were the methods adopted by Alauddin Khilji to crush the power of the nobility? [4]
- Q.9 Write reference to the Harappan Civilization, answer the following questions: [3]
- a. Briefly describe the ornaments worn by the Harappans. [3]
 - b. List three main features of town planning of the Harappan Civilization. [4]
 - c. Briefly describe the statue of the dancing girl. [4]
- Q.10 With reference to the Maurya's, answer the following: [3]
- a. Give a brief account of the Kalinga War and its consequences. [3]
 - b. Name any three important ways in which Buddhism spread under the royal patronage. [4]
 - c. Explain briefly the Pan- India character of Mauryan administration. [4]
