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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
SECOND TERM EXAMINATION (2024-25)
CLASS – IX
HISTORY AND CIVICS

Maximum Marks: 80

Total Time: Two Hours

- Answers to this paper must be written on the answer sheet provided separately.
- You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.
- This time is to be spent in reading the question paper only.
- The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
- 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**.
- The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in the brackets [].

PART I

Attempt all questions from this part.

(30 MARKS)

Question 1. Choose the correct option:

(1X16= 16)

- Which civilization flourished on the banks of the Nile and the Tigris-Euphrates River?

a) Indus Valley civilization	c) Mesopotamian civilization
b) Egyptian civilization	d) Chinese civilization
- When was the Drafting committee set up?

a) 29 August 1947	c) 15 August 1947
b) 26 January 1947	d) 26 January 1950
- What type of citizenship does India recognize?

a) Economic citizenship	c) Single citizenship
b) Dual citizenship	d) Global citizenship
- What does the term 'Habeas Corpus' mean?

a) We command	c) By what order?
b) You shall have the body	d) To be informed of what is going on
- In which year did UNESCO designate the Brihadeshwara Temple as a World Heritage site?

a) 1997	c) 1987
b) 1985	d) 1999
- What was the main source of income of the Cholas?

a) Land revenue	c) Fishing
b) Agriculture	d) Trading
- In which year did the construction of Qutub Minar begin?

a) 1199	c) 1196
b) 1198	d) 1193
- Who was the first woman to rule medieval India?

a) Altunia	c) Nusrat Khan
b) Razia Sultan	d) Noor Jahan
- Who wrote the book 'Akbarname'?

a) Akbar	c) Jahangir
b) Abul Fazl	d) Shah Jahan
- Which Mughal ruler encouraged trade with the European countries?

a) Bahadur Shah Zafar	c) Shah Jahan
b) Aurangzeb	d) Humayun
- In which city is the tomb/ dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti located?

a) Delhi	c) Ajmer
b) Mumbai	d) Fatehpur Sikri
- Saint Francis Xavier studied at the University of _____.

a) Cambridge	c) Paris
b) Oxford	d) Edinburgh
- Article _____ of the Indian Constitution grants its citizens 'Universal Adult Franchise'.

a) 329	c) 326
b) 327	d) 323
- The Election Commission of India has the power of _____.

a) Superintendence	c) Judiciary
b) Administration	d) Legislature
- Balwant Rai Mehta Committee recommended the establishment of the _____.

a) Panchayati Raj	c) Panchayat Samiti
b) Gram Panchayat	d) Zila Parishad

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16. Which Amendment Act provided constitutional status to the Panchayati Raj institutions?

- a) 73rd
b) 72nd

- c) 75th
d) 77th

Question 2. Answer the following questions:

(2X07= 14)

1. What two things did the Harappan used to make toys and objects of worship?
2. What was Diwan-i-khas?
3. When and which Sikh Guru did Aurangzeb execute?
4. What is 'Guru Granth Sahib'?
5. What do you understand by Indirect Elections?
6. What title, did Salim assume after becoming the Emperor?
7. What is local self-government called in 'rural' and 'urban' areas?

PART II

SECTION- A

Attempt any *two* questions from this section.

(20 MARKS)

Question 3. With reference to the elections in a democracy, answer the following questions:

1. What do you understand by By-election? [3]
2. How did Abraham Lincoln define democracy? [3]
3. Describe the significance of elections in a democracy. [4]

Question 4. Keeping in view the Balwant Rai Mehta Committee, write short notes the following:

1. Primary objective of its formation. [3]
2. Any three recommendations of the committee. [3]
3. Government's response to the committee's recommendations. [4]

Question 5. Considering Gram Panchayat, pen down its following functions:

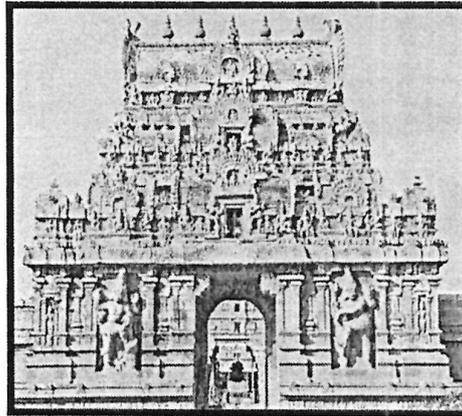
1. Administrative functions [3]
2. Judicial functions [3]
3. Socio-economic functions [4]

SECTION- B

Attempt any *three* questions from this section.

(30 MARKS)

Question 6. With reference to the picture, answer the questions that follow:

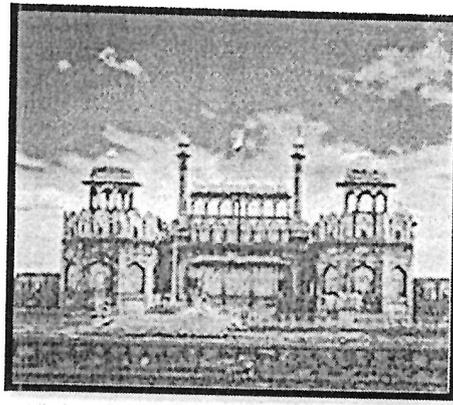


1. Name the temple? What does it testify about the Cholas? [3]
2. Who built this temple, when and where? [3]
3. Write down any four unique features of the temple's architecture. [4]

Question 7. Keeping in view the Central administration of the Sultanate period, describe the following:

1. Qazi-ul-Quzat [3]
2. Sadr-us-Sadar [3]
3. Wazir [4]

Question 8. Study the picture carefully and answer the following questions:



1. Name the monument. Who constructed it and why?
2. Where is it located? What is it made of?
3. What is it used for nowadays?

[3]
[3]
[4]

Question 9. *With reference to the picture, answer the questions that follow:*



1. Identify the Saint in the picture. When and where was he born? [3]
2. Whom did he meet while studying at University? What effect did that person had on him? [3]
3. Write down his contributions to the society. [4]
