

AMRITA VIDYALAYAM

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2017 - '18

Class : X

Marks : 80

Time : 3 hrs

SOCIAL SCIENCE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: -

1. *This question paper has 26 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
2. *Questions 1 - 7 are short answer questions of 1 mark each.*
3. *Questions 8 - 18 carries 3 marks each. Answers to them should not exceed 80 words each.*
4. *Questions 19 - 25 carries 5 marks each. Answers to them should not exceed 100 - 120 words each.*
5. *Question 26 is a map question of 5 marks from Geography.*

1. What is the prudential reason behind power sharing?
2. Give an example of epistolary novel.

OR

Who developed the first known printing press?

3. Why were dams called the 'Temples of Modern India'?
4. What is the difference between overlapping and cross cutting social differences?
5. How do banks mediate between those who have surplus fund and those who are in need of fund?
6. Which group of countries is an example of holding together federation?
7. What is Panchayati Raj?
8. In what ways are intensive industrialisation and urbanisation responsible for water scarcity?
9. Explain any three elements of the Belgium model of power sharing.
10. How did serialisation of novels increase the popularity of novels and magazines?

OR

"Print technology gave women a chance to share their feelings with the world outside". Support their feelings with any three suitable examples.

11. Examine the three major problems as a result of indiscriminate utilization of natural resources.
12. How far do you agree with the statement that power sharing is keeping with the 'spirit' of democracy?
13. How can the land be saved from degradation?
14. Why did frequent clashes occur between weavers and gomasthas?

OR

How did industrialization change the form of urbanisation in the modern period?

OR

Mention any three main destinations of Indian indenture migrants.

15. Describe any three special features of novels written by the Malayalam writer Vaikom Muhammad Basheer.

OR

Explain the new visual culture in print which developed in the 19th century.

16. How has the World Development Report classified countries?
17. Explain any three reasons for the tertiary sector growth in India.
18. Why is the money transaction system better than the barter system? Explain with an example.

19. 'There has been a big change in the three sectors of economic activities in India, but similar shift has not taken place in the share of employment'. Explain.
20. Describe, 'what may be the development of one may not be the development for others' with the help of suitable examples.
21. Identify the determinants of the outcome of politics of social division and explain them briefly.
22. Explain any five features of federalism.
23. 'India is rich in certain types of resources but deficient in some other resources'. Do you agree with the statement? Support your answer with examples.
24. "First world war created the favourable conditions for the development of industries in India". Support the statement with suitable examples.

OR

'One important feature of the US economy in 1920s was mass production.' Prove this with an example.

OR

'Bombay was a prime city of India'. Justify by giving examples.

25. Analyse the different modes of advertisement used by the producers to popularise their products and sale in the 19th century India.

OR

Why did the British Government scrap the 'corn laws'? What were its effect on Britain.

OR

How did the industrial cities completely transform the shape of British Family? Explain.

26. a) On the outline map of India identify and mark the following.
 - (i) Major 'arid soil' area
 - (ii) Major 'mountain soil' area
- b) On the same outline map of India locate and label the following with appropriate symbols.
 - (i) Bhakra Nangal Dam
 - (ii) Nagarjuna Sagar Dam
 - (iii) River Mahanadi