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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2018 - '19

Class : VI

Marks : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

SOCIAL SCIENCE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: -

- a) *This question paper is divided into 3 sections, viz; History, Civics and Geography.*
- b) *All sections are compulsory.*
- c) *Maps should be securely tied in the middle of the answer sheet.*

HISTORY

1. Can you point out that source of history in which writings are done on a hard surface? 1
(decipherment, inscription, manuscript)
2. Farmers and traders who lived in groups were known as _____ . 1
(scribes, specialists, tribes)
3. All the plant and animal produce that we use as food today is a result of _____. 1
(domestication, herding, specialization)
4. Distinguish between manuscripts and inscriptions. 3
5. Why do archaeologists think that many people who lived in Mehrgarh were hunters to start with and that herding became more important later? 3
6. Why do people who grow crops have to stay in the same place for a long time? Which value is enhanced by them? 3
7. 'We know more about the kings and queens and not about ordinary people'. Explain. 3
8. Name any three places and their present locations where evidence of grains and bones of domesticated animals have been found. 3

9. Why did people travel from one place to another in olden times? Examine its advantages. **5**
10. List the ways in which the lives of farmers and herders would have been different from that of hunter gatherers. **5**
11. On the outline map of India, locate and label the following. **2**
 a) Sulaiman and Kirtar Hills b) Vindhya mountains

CIVICS

1. In a _____ type of government rulers do not have to explain their actions or defend the decision they take. **1**
(monarchy, democracy, dictatorship)
2. The government makes laws and everyone has to follow these. Justify. **3**
3. Distinguish between prejudices and stereotypes with examples. **3**
4. Why do you think it is important for all people to be equal? **3**
5. Gandhiji strongly believed that every adult in India should be given the right to vote. However a few people don't share his views. Do you think this would be a form of discrimination? Give five points to support your views. **5**
6. How can the stereotypes that, girls are a burden on their parents, affect the life of a daughter. List five different effects. **5**

GEOGRAPHY

1. Only one side of the moon is visible to us on the earth for which one of the following reasons? **1**
(it takes 27 days to complete one rotation, it moves around the earth, it takes the same time to complete one spin)
2. Which one of the following indicates the north direction? **1**
(Saptarishi, Pole star, Ursa Major)

3. Select one of the following latitudes lying to the south of the equator. **1**
(20°N, 55°S, 30°N)
4. Why does the Torrid Zone receive the maximum amount of heat? **3**
5. 'The sun is the head of solar family'. Comment. **3**
6. Define. **3**
a) Constellation b) Asteroids c) Galaxy
7. 'Conditions favorable to support life are probably found only on the Earth'. Elucidate. **5**
8. Explain the heat zones of Earth with the help of a diagram. **5**
9. How does a planet differ from a star? **5**
10. On an outline map of the world, label the following. **3**
a) Equator b) Brazil c) India