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HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2018 - '19

Class : VIII

Marks : 80

Time : 2½ hrs

SOCIAL SCIENCE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: -

- 1. This question paper is divided into three sections.*
- 2. All the three sections are compulsory.*
- 3. Maps should be securely tied in the middle of the answer paper.*
- 4. Each section should be attempted separately.*

HISTORY

- I. Answer in a sentence. 3**
1. What is Colonisation?
 2. When was the Permanent Settlement introduced in India?
 3. Who was Warren Hastings?
- II. Answer the following in two or three sentences. 12**
1. Why did the British preserve official documents?
 2. How was indigo cultivated?
 3. What is the problem with the periodisation of Indian history that James Mill offers?
 4. Why was there great demand for Indian Indigo in foreign markets?
- III. Answer the following in detail. 10**
1. What is survey? Give examples of different types of surveys conducted.
 2. Describe the main features of the Permanent Settlement.
- IV. On the outline map of India, mark the following places. 5**
1. Madras (now Chennai)
 2. Orissa (now Odisha)
 3. Bombay (now Mumbai)
 4. West Bengal
 5. Delhi

CIVICS

- I. Answer in a sentence. 1**
1. What is a Constitution?
- II. Answer in two or three sentences. 9**
1. Why are fundamental rights important?
 2. Who is a Prime Minister and what role does he play in the functioning of the country?
 3. What are the three main organs of the Indian government and what are their functions?
- III. Answer in detail. 10**
1. Why does a democratic country need a Constitution?
 2. What role does the Parliament play in the functioning of the government?

GEOGRAPHY

- I. Answer in a sentence. 3**
1. What do you understand by the term CPR?
 2. How can people make the best use of nature and create more resources?
 3. What is Biosphere?
- II. Answer in two or three sentences. 12**
1. What is the significance of time and technology in making a substance a resource?
 2. Why all available water on the earth is not usable?
 3. Differentiate between natural resources and human made resources.
 4. Write three methods of water conservation.
- III. Answer in detail. 15**
1. Explain briefly how can resources be used productively.
 2. What are the main factors responsible for soil degradation?
 3. Write down some measures to conserve natural vegetation and wild life.