

**DEVAMATHA CMI PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2017 -18**

**Std. VIII****SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**Time : 3 h.**  
**Marks : 80**

General Instructions :

1. Answer to questions carrying 1 mark should be in one word or in one sentence.
2. Answer to questions carrying 3 or 4 marks should not exceed 60-80 words each.
3. Maps should be securely tied in the middle of the answer scripts.
4. Attempt all parts of a question together.

**Section A - History (30 marks)**

- I Choose the correct answer from the options given below : (1x4=4)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ granted East India Company the sole right to trade with the East.  
(Warren Hastings, Mountbatten, Queen Elizabeth, Robert Clive)
  2. The Champaran Movement was against \_\_\_\_\_ plantations.  
(Indigo, Tea, Rubber, Coffee)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ was the first major victory of the Company in India.  
(Battle of Buxar, Anglo Maratha war, Battle of Plassey, Anglo Mysore war)
  4. The tribal community of Orissa are called \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gujjars, Bakanwals, Labadis, Khonds)
- II
5. Define: Colonisation. (1)
  6. Which are the two features of Shifting Cultivation? (1)
- III Answer the following questions in three or four sentences: (4x3=12)
7. Mention the 3 diplomatic methods adopted by British to annex the Indian states.
  8. List out the major problems with the periodisation of Indian History that James Mill offers.
  9. Describe the changes that occurred in the composition of the Company's Army.
  10. Which are the major differences between the Mahalwari System and Permanent settlement?
- IV Answer the following questions in short paragraph: (5x2=10)
11. Explain the Social, Political and Religious causes of the 1857 Revolt.
  12. What was Birsa's vision of a Golden Age? Why do you think such a vision appealed to the people of the region?
- V
13. On the outline map of India provided locate a) Kanpur b) Meerut. (2)

**Part B - Geography (25 marks)**

- I Choose the correct answer from the bracket :
14. The power resource referred as 'Buried Sunshine'. (1)  
(Petroleum, Coal, Natural gas, Biography)
  15. Name the process by which deep wells are bored to take petroleum and Natural gas. (1)  
(Quarrying, drilling, mining, shaft mining)

16. Electricity from coal is called: (1)  
(Hydel power, thermal power, geo-thermal energy, tidal energy)
17. \_\_\_\_\_ is found in large quantities in the Monozite sands of Kerala. (1)  
( Uranium, Thorium, Alluminium, Iron ore )

II Answer the following questions in three or four sentences:

18. Suggest three measures to conserve water resources. (3)
19. Mention three mitigation measures to forest fire. (3)
20. Write three principles of Sustainable Development. (3)

III Answer the following questions in short paragraph.

21. Suggest five methods of soil conservation. (5)
22. Explain conventional sources of energy (5)
23. In the given outline map of India mark the following: (2)  
i) Two places in which wind mills are located.  
ii) The petroleum desposit in India.

### Part C - Civics (25 marks)

I Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

24. System of government shares power with the central, state and local governments. (1)  
(Monarchy, Fedaralism, Apartheid, Olegarchy)
25. The Supreme Legislative body of the country. (1)  
(Parliament, Supreme Court, Vidhan Sabha, Legislative Assembly)
26. A temporary alliance of groups or parties. (1)  
(Sovereign, Coalition, coercion, league)
27. The Organ of the state which is responsible for implementing lawas and running the Government. (1)  
(Legislature, Executive, Judiciary, Supreme Court)

II Answer the following questions:

28. What is Universal Adult Franchise? (1)
29. In what ways does Indian Secularism different from that of other democratic countries. (1)
30. Why is it important to separate religion from the state? (3)
31. Distinguish between Criminal law and Civil Law. (3)
32. What is the role of the Judiciary in a country? (3)
33. All democratic countries are likely to have a Constitution'. What are the purpose of a Constitution? (5)
34. Explain the functions of the Parliament. (5)

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