

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ODISHA ZONE
PERIODIC ASSESSMENT-I (2023-24)
CLASS - VIII
SUB – SOCIAL SCIENCE
SAMPLE PAPER – 1

Time – 1 hr 30 mins

Full Mark – 40

General Instructions:

- **The question paper comprises five sections – A, B, C, D and E. There are 18 questions and all are compulsory.**
- **Section A: Question No. 1 to 9 are very short questions, carrying 1 mark each.**
- **Section B: Question No. 10 to 12 are short answer type questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 20 words.**
- **Section C: Question No. 13 and 14 are short answer type questions, carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 60 words.**
- **Section D: Question No. 15 is a Source Based Questions carrying 4 marks.**
- **Section E: Question No. 16 to 18 are long answer type questions carrying 5 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 80 words.**

Section-A (9)

1. Choose the correct option. (1)

It means sustainable and optimum utilisation of resources.

- (a) Exploration (b) Estimation
(c) Conservation (d) Protection

2. Rewrite the statement correctly. (1)

The potential resources have been thoroughly surveyed.

3. Match the resources given in Column A with their types mentioned in Column B. (1)

A	B
1. Coal	i) Renewable Resource
2. Flyover	ii) Potential Resource
3. Petroleum under the Arctic seabed	iii) Man-made Resource
4. Sunlight	iv) Non-renewable Resource

Choose the correct option.

- (a) 1 - iii, 2 - iv, 3 - ii, 4 - i (b) 1 - ii, 2 - i, 3 - iv, 4 - iii
(c) 1 - iv, 2 - iii, 3 - ii, 4 - i (d) 1 - iii, 2 - i, 3 - iv, 4 - ii

4. Read the given statement and identify the trading company. (1)

It took advantage of the political disunity and gradually, took over the control of India.

5. Fill in the blank. (1)

The book, _____ was written by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

6. Write True or False for the given statement. (1)

The power went into the hands of the British Crown in 1868.

7. Identify the colonial building from the given picture. (1)



8. Write the meaning of the term, 'Rule of Law' (1)

9. In the question given below, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements carefully and choose the correct option. (1)

Assertion (A): Fundamental Duties have been added to our Constitution in 1976.

Reason (R): It was thought that rights without duties are meaningless.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
- (c) (A) is correct but (R) is incorrect.
- (d) (A) is incorrect but (R) is correct.

Section-B (6)

10. 'Mere presence of resources does not guarantee development.' Justify the statement by citing any suitable examples. (2)

11. Enumerate any two steps taken by the East India Company to consolidate its control over India. (2)

12. Highlight any two positive aspects of secularism. (2)

Section-C (6)

13. Suggest any three ways to achieve the goal of sustainable development. (3)

14. Enlist any three major events related to the freedom struggle of India. (3)

Section-D (4)

15. Read the source given below and answer the questions that follow. (1x4)

Fundamental Rights are an essential element of every democratic country. Since we were denied most of the civil and political rights by the British, one of the most important aspirations of the people was to have some basic rights which cannot be violated. Therefore, certain fundamental rights were included in Indian Constitution. These rights were considered essential for the development of the personality of every individual and to preserve human dignity.

Choose the correct option.

15.1. We were denied most of the civil and political rights by-

- (a) the French
- (b) the Germans
- (c) the Portuguese
- (d) the British

15.2. The Constitution of India provides us _____ Fundamental Rights.

- (a) four
- (b) five
- (c) six
- (d) seven

15.3. After independence, the most important aspiration of the people was-

- (a) to perform certain duties towards the motherland.
- (b) to have some rights which cannot be violated.
- (c) to cherish the noble ideas of our freedom fighters.
- (d) to establish honourable relations with other nations.

15.4. Fundamental Rights play a crucial role in the growth of all -

- (a) democratic societies. (b) theocratic societies.
(c) dictatorship societies (d) anarchial societies

Section-E (15)

16. Classify the resources on the basis of their origin and differentiate between them. **(2+3)**

17. Explain any five major sources of information about Modern Indian History. **(5)**

18. Explain the factors that make India a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic. **(5)**