

KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, NOIDA
ANNUAL EXAMINATION, SESSION: 2025-26
GRADE: 8 SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE
SET A SECTION B (SUBJECTIVE)

DAY & DATE: TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2026

MAXIMUM MARKS: 60

TIME ALLOTTED: 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *This question paper comprises 4 pages and 19 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
2. **SECTION A** - Question Numbers 1 to 5 comprises 5 questions of 2 marks each. Answers should not exceed 40 words.
3. **SECTION B** - Question Numbers 6 to 11 comprises 6 questions of 3 marks each. Answers should not exceed 60 words.
4. **SECTION C** - Question Number 12 to 14 comprises 3 questions of 4 marks each. Answers should not exceed 60 to 80 words.
5. **SECTION D** - Question Number 15 to 17 comprises 4 questions of 5 marks each. Answers should not exceed 100 words.
6. **SECTION E** - Question Number 18 & 19 are map based questions.
7. *There is a choice in a few of the questions of the question paper, attempt only one of the choices.*

SECTION A

- Q1. Examine the effectiveness of Article 17 as a legal instrument for protecting marginalized communities from private and public discrimination. 2
- Q2. Analyze the power of 'Judicial Review' and its significance in protecting the Constitution. 2
- Q3. State the immediate cause that led to the outbreak of the 1857 revolt among the sepoys. 2
- Q4. Distinguish between biotic and abiotic resources with one example each. 2

Or

State the importance of the image given below.



- Q5. "People are the ultimate resource of a nation." Justify this statement with two suitable arguments regarding the role of human resources in development. 2

SECTION B

- Q6. The *Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989* lists different modes of humiliation. Describe any three categories of crimes mentioned in this Act. 3
- Q7. Distinguish between the methods used by the Moderates and the Radicals within the Congress. 3
- Q8. Analyse the "Strategy of Intervention" used by the Indian State to end social evils like infanticide. 3
- Q9. Explain how the Question Hour acts as an important mechanism in the functioning of the Parliament. 3

Or

How can citizens express their dissent against an "unpopular" or "controversial" law passed by Parliament?

- Q10. Case-based question: 1+1+1

In a town called Shantipur, the majority of the population speaks Language A and follows Religion X. A small group of families, however, speaks Language B and follows Religion Y. The local municipal board, dominated by followers of Religion X, decides to pass a rule that only festivals related to Religion X will be celebrated in public spaces and that the local government school will only teach in Language A. The minority group feels that their cultural rights are being suppressed and that they are being treated unfair by the majority.

- (a) Identify which "tyranny" is being described in the above scenario.
- (b) State the specific fundamental right that the minority group can invoke to protect their language and religion.
- (c) Explain how the Indian Constitution prevents such situations through the "Strategy of Non-interference."

- Q11. Differentiate between Criminal Law and Civil Law with suitable examples. 3

SECTION C

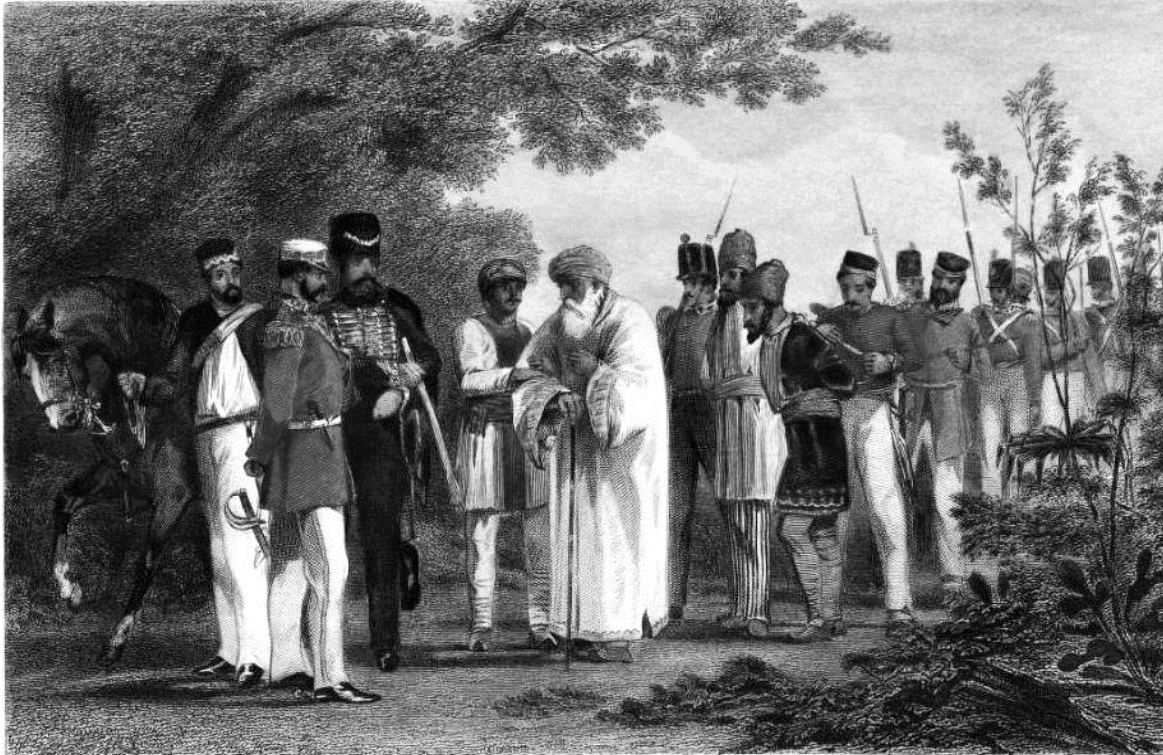
- Q12. Mention some steps taken by the government for the upliftment of the marginalised sections of the country. 4

- Q13. The Battle of Plassey (1757) became famous because it was the first major victory the Company won in India. However, the victory was not achieved solely through military strength, but through political manipulation. 1+1+2

Answer the following questions based on the statement above:

1. Who was the Company official responsible for leading the British forces and orchestrating the political manipulation against Sirajuddaulah?
2. Explain the specific reason why Sirajuddaulah lost the battle, focusing on the role of his commander, Mir Jafar.
3. Why did the East India Company prefer a "puppet ruler" like Mir Jafar over an independent Nawab after the battle?

Q14.



1+3

- (a) Identify the above image.
(b) Describe the eventual fate of the leader shown in the above image and his lineage following the suppression of the 1857 revolt by the British East India Company.

SECTION E

- Q15. Describe the six Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Indian Constitution. 5
Q16. Elaborate on the factors that led Indians to fear that the British were determined to wipe out their religions. 5
Q17. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow: 1+1+2

"The First World War altered the economic and political situation in India. It led to a huge rise in the defence expenditure of the Government of India. The government in turn increased taxes on individual incomes and business profits. Increased military expenditure and the demands for war supplies led

to a sharp rise in prices which created great difficulties for the common people. On the other hand, business groups reaped fabulous profits from the war. The war also created a demand for industrial goods (jute bags, cloth, rails) and caused a decline of imports from other countries into India. So, Indian industries expanded during the war, and Indian business groups began to demand greater opportunities for development."

1. How did the First World War affect the common people of India?
2. Why did Indian industries expand during the war period?
3. Mention two ways the British government raised money to meet war expenses.
4. How did these economic changes help in the growth of the National Movement in India?

Q18. ON THE GIVEN POLITICAL MAP OF INDIA LABEL AND MARK THE FOLLOWING. 3

- a) Label the capital of the state that is located in the exact center of India.
- b) Any one centres on the revolt of 1857 and its leader.
- c) Any one centre of the Indian National Movement.
- d) Any two High Courts of India.

Q19 ON THE GIVEN POLITICAL MAP OF WORLD LABEL AND MARK THE FOLLOWING. 2

- a) This continent is known as the "Dark Continent" and is home to the world's longest river, the Nile.
- b) This "Island Continent" is also a country and is home to the world's largest coral reef system, the Great Barrier Reef.
- c) This is the only ocean in the world named after a specific country.
- d) This ocean surrounds the southernmost continent and was officially recognized as the fifth ocean in 2021.