

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, TIRUVALLA  
SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2018

Class: VIII

Maximum Marks: 80

HISTORY & CIVICS

(Two hours)

Attempt all questions from Part I (Compulsory).

A total of five questions are to be attempted from Part II, two out of three questions from Section A and three out of five questions from Section B.  
The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].

PART I (30 Marks)

Attempt all questions from this Part I

Question 1

- a) Who is the Chief Executive of the Indian Union? Who votes for him? 1
- b) What are the two main functions of the Cabinet? 1
- c) "The President is a nominal head."-Justify 1
- d) Name the body that elects the President of India. 1
- e) What is an ordinance? 1
- f) Who is the head of the Council of Ministers? 1
- g) When two or more political parties form the government, what is it called? 1
- h) What happens when a vote of no-confidence is passed against the ministry? 1
- i) What is meant by allotment of portfolios? 1
- j) Whose advice is the President bound to follow in carrying out his/her functions? 1

Question 2

- a) Which place acquired by the English East India Company in 1668 due to a marriage? 2
- b) How did Mir Qasim become the Nawab of Bengal? 2
- c) It was due to Raja Rammohan Roy's efforts that \_\_\_\_\_, the Governor General of India, banned \_\_\_\_\_ in 1829. 2
- d) Who wanted people of India to be fearless, self confident and self-reliant? 2
- e) What is *permanent land revenue settlement*? 2
- f) Write a note on dual government. 2
- g) Who is known as the founder of British system of education in India? 2
- h) Name the four different centers of Maratha power. 2
- i) Write the name of cultural capital of Awadh. 2
- j) Who annexed Awadh on basis of misgovernance? 2

**PART II (50 Marks)**  
**SECTION A (CIVICS)**

*Attempt any two questions from this Section*

**Question 3**

**Discuss the powers and position of the Prime Minister with reference to his relationship with the following:**

- (a) Parliament
- (b) The President
- (c) The Council of Ministers.

**Question 4**

**In the context of the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, explain the following:**

- (a) Appointment of the Prime Minister
- (b) Formation of the Council of Ministers
- (c) The Cabinet

**Question 5**

**With reference to the functions of the Parliament, explain the following:**

- (a) Law-making functions
- (b) Control over the executive
- (c) Judicial functions

**SECTION B (HISTORY)**

*Attempt any three questions from this Section*

**Question 6**

**The first century of British rule resulted in the decay and destruction of traditional Indian trade and industry. Explain this statement with reference to the following:**

- (a) Political powers of the Company
- (b) Collapse of ruling dynasties
- (c) Decline of the Indian industries.

**Question 7**

**The Wood's Despatch introduced further changes in the Indian educational system. With reference to the above statement, answer the following questions:**

- (a) What was the purpose behind the introduction of Western Education in India?
- (b) How did the introduction of Western education benefit the British?
- (c) What was the impact of the introduction of modern western education in India?



### Question 8

With reference to *Drain of Wealth*, answer the following questions.

- (a) What is meant by Drain of wealth?
- (b) How was India's wealth drained to Britain?
- (c) The contribution of Dadabhai Naoroji

### Question 9

With reference to the rise and growth of Bengal as a regional power, discuss the following:

- (a) Achievements of Murshid Quli Khan
- (b) The rule of Alivardi Khan
- (c) The failures of the nawabs of Bengal

### Question 10

Identify the pictures and write the answer.



- (a) Identify the personalities
- (b) Explain the movement they started.
- (c) Elaborate the role of them in the realm of social and educational reforms