

You will not be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper. The time given at the head of this paper is the time allowed for writing the answers

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

Question 1

- (a) When was the Constitution of India passed? When did it come into force? (1)
- (b) What is meant by a Welfare State? (1)
- (c) What is meant by the term 'Right to Equality'? (1)
- (d) How is a municipal commissioner appointed? (1)
- (e) What is a Gram Sabha? Mention its composition (1)
- (f) When and by whom was the Objective Resolution proposed? (1)
- (g) What is meant by Directive Principles of State Policy? (1)
- (h) Mention two government schemes aimed at the upliftment of the weaker sections of society (1)
- (i) Give one difference between local government and local self-government (1)
- (i) Name the courts which are competent to issue writs (1)

Question 2

- (a) Mention two chief features of residential houses in Mohenjo-Daro (2)
- (b) Name the author of *Tirukural*. What is the subject matter of *Tirukural*? (2)
- (c) Mention two important architectural features of Qutb Minar (2)
- (d) Name two famous paintings of (i) Michelangelo (ii) Leonardo Da Vinci (2)
- (e) Who was known as 'the Father of British Socialism'? Why is he called so? (2)
- (f) What principles did Akbar's Din-i-Ilahi promote? (2)
- (g) What was known as the Letter of *Indulgences*? (2)
- (h) Mention two contributions of Aryabhata in the field of astronomy (2)

- (i) Explain the term Industrial Revolution (2)
- (j) What was the Counter Reformation? (2)

PART II (50 Marks)

SECTION A

Attempt any two questions from this section

Question 3

With reference to Constitution and its salient features answer the following questions

- (a) Define the term 'Constitution' State any two reasons for its significance (3)
- (b) State any three freedoms given under the 'Right to Freedom' (3)
- © Mention any two differences between the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State policy (4)

Question 4

Election plays a very significant role in our Indian Democracy. In the light of this statement answer the following questions;

- (a) State the composition of the Election Commission (3)
- (b) Give three functions of the election Commission (3)
- (c) Explain the terms 'General Election' and 'Mid-Term Election' (3)

Question 5

With reference to Rural and Urban Local Self Government answer the following question

- (a) State the three tier system of the Panchayati Raj System (3)
- (b) Mention any three functions of the Mayor (3)
- (c) Name the three wings of a Municipal Committee. Give three points of difference between a Municipal Corporation and a Municipal Committee (3)

PART II

SECTION B

Attempt any three questions from this section

Question 6

With reference to the age of the Guptas answer the following questions

- (a) Who was Fa-hien? Write any two points about the Guptas that are mentioned in his accounts (3)
- (b) Why is the Gupta period known as the 'Golden Age of Indian Culture'? (3)

(c) Name the famous University that existed during the Gupta Period. Explain the significance of Allahabad pillar inscription

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Question 7

In relation to Composite Culture, Bhakti Movement, Sufism and Christianity, answer the following questions

(a) Who was Francis Xavier? What did he do to spread Christianity among Indians? (3)

(b) Mention any three teachings of Sufism (3)

(c) What is meant by Indo-Islamic culture? Mention two phases of the growth of Indo Islamic Culture (4)

Question 8

With reference to the Sangam Age answer the following questions

(a) What is meant by the term ' Sangam Age ' (3)

(b) Name the physiographic divisions of the Tamil land (3)

(c) Explain the position of women (4)

Question 9

With reference to the modern age in Europe, answer the following questions

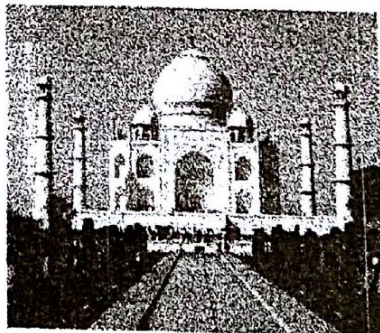
(a) How did the invention of printing press lead to the rise of the Renaissance in Europe (3)

(b) State any three contributions of Martin Luther in reforming the church in Europe (3)

(c) Define (i) Capitalism (ii) Socialism (4)

Question 10

Study the picture given below and answer the questions that follow



(a) Identify the picture. Where is it located? (2)

(b) Who built this monument? Why was it erected? (2)

(c) Mention its three architectural features (3)

(d) How does this monument reflect the Mughal style of architecture? (3)