

CLASS VIII

MARTHOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION 2019-20
HISTORY & CIVICS
PART I (30 Marks)

TIME 2 Hrs

MARKS 80

Question 1

- a) Name the three categories of Ministers at the centre (1)
- b) What is a 'No-Confidence Motion'? (1)
- c) When did the Supreme Court of India come into being? (1)
- d) Who is the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha? (1)
- e) What is the term of office of the President of India? (1)
- f) To whom does the Council of Ministers responsible? (1)
- g) How many members can the President nominate to Lok Sabha? (1)
- h) What is meant by the term 'Jurisdiction'? (1)

Question 2

- a) When and between whom was the Third Battle of Panipat fought? (2)
- b) What is meant by 'Peswaship'? Who was the first Maratha Peshwa? (2)
- c) By whom and under what pretext was Awadh annexed to the Company's territories? (2)
- d) What is meant by the term 'Civil War'? (2)
- e) Name two Nawabs of Bengal who ruled Bengal in the 18th century (2)
- f) When was the Confederate States of America formed? Who was its President? (2)
- g) Mention any two terms of the Treaty of Allahabad (2)
- h) How were the nobles divided in the Mughal Court (2)

Question 3

Study the given picture and answer the questions that follow.



- a) Identify the ruler in the picture. (1)
- b) When did he invade India? (1)
- c) Name the two valuable things that he plundered from India (2)
- d) What were the results of his invasion? (2)

PART II
SECTION A { 50 Marks}
Attempt all the questions from this Section

Question 4

With reference to Indian Judiciary answer the following questions

- a) What is meant by the 'Original Jurisdiction' of the Supreme Court? (3)
- b) What is a Writ? Name the five types of writs (3)
- c) What is meant by 'Court of Record'? (2)
- d) How is the Chief Justice of India appointed? (2)

Question 5

With reference to the Union Executive Explain

- a) Any three qualifications that are required to become the President of India (3)
- b) The Composition of the Electoral College (3)
- c) Any two functions of the Prime Minister (2)
- d) How and on what grounds can the President be removed from office? (2)

SECTION B
Attempt all the questions from this Section

Question 6

With reference to Traders to Rulers explain the following

- a) What is meant by 'Dual Government'? Mention one of its drawbacks (3)
- b) What is meant by 'Doctrine of Lapse'? Who introduced it? (3)
- c) Any two points of comparison between the Battle of Plassey and the battle of Buxar (2)
- d) Name three villages which were later developed into present Kolkata (2)

Question 7

With reference to India in the 18th century explain

- a) Why is the 18th century called as the darkest century in the History of India? Explain (3)
- b) How did Aurangzeb's Deccan Policy hasten Mughal decline? (3)
- c) Who were later Mughals? Name the first and last of the later Mughal Rulers (2)
- d) Who was Hyder Ali? How did he come to power? (2)

Question 8

With reference to the Civil War in America answer the questions that follow

- a) What do you understand by 'Bleeding Kansas'? (3)
- b) Discuss how Lincoln's views brought about a revolution in the American mindset? (3)
- c) Name any four states that were seceded from the Union (2)
- d) Who were abolitionists? Name an abolitionist who started a revolt at Harpers Ferry (2)