

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, TIRUVALLA
FIRST TERM EXAMINATION, 2019-'20

Class: IX

HISTORY & CIVICS
(Two hours)

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instruction:

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

- Why our Constitution is also referred to as the Fundamental Law of the Land? [1]
- When did India become a Sovereign State? [1]
- Name the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. [1]
- When did the Constitution of India come into force? [1]
- Name the Fundamental Right that prohibits 'forced labour'. [1]
- In which part of the Indian Constitution are the Directive Principles of State Policy laid down? [1]
- What can the writ of prohibition do? [1]
- What do you mean by Adult Franchise in India? [1]
- What is meant by a 'Welfare State'? [1]
- State the meaning of the term 'Directive Principles of State Policy'. [1]

Question 2

- What was the purpose of Great Granary? [2]
- State any two ways in which the script of the Indus Valley Civilization provides us with valuable historical information. [2]
- Name any three animals depicted on the Pashupati seals. [2]
- State any two causes that led to the decline of Harappan Civilization. [2]
- Name the Epics written during the Later Vedic period. [2]
- What was meant by *Vanaprastha ashram* in the life of a person in the Vedic society? [2]
- Who were the founders of Jainism and Buddhism? [2]
- What is meant by tirtankara? Who was the last tirtankara? [2]
- Mention any two teachings of Mahavira. [2]
- What is *triratna*? [2]

PART II (50 Marks)

SECTION A

Attempt any two questions from this Section

Question 3

With reference to the salient features of the Indian Constitution answer the following questions:

- Define the term 'Constitution'. State any two reasons for its significance.
- State any three freedoms given under the 'Right to Freedom'.
- Explain any two differences between the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of Policy.

Question 4

With reference to the Constitution of India answer the following questions:

- Dr. Ambedkar is known as the architect of the Indian constitution. Explain.
- Why the Right to Constitutional Remedies are called the 'heart and soul of the constitution'.
- Mention any four fundamental duties given in the article 51 – A of the constitution.

Question 5

To live with dignity should be the right of every citizen. With this discuss:

- Any three characteristic features of fundamental rights.
- Right to education
- Right to information

SECTION B

Question 6

With reference to the Indus Valley Civilization answer:

- State any two ways in which the script of the Indus Valley Civilization provides us with valuable historical information.
- State any two reasons for the decline of Harappan Civilization
- Explain any two major sources of information about the period.

Question 7

The Gurukul system of education was started by the Aryans. In this context explain the following:

- Any three features of the system.
- The subjects and teachers
- Differentiate the Gurukul System of Education and Modern system of Education

(4 points)

Question 8

With reference to the Vedic period, answer the following:

- State any three social changes that came about in the Later Vedic Period in relation to the position of Women.
- State any three occupations that existed during the Vedic Age.
- Importance of Epics

Question 9

With reference Buddhism, answer the following:

- Give four *Noble Truths* of Buddhism
- Which are the *Four Great Sights*?
- Give four points of *Eight fold Path* of Bhuddha.

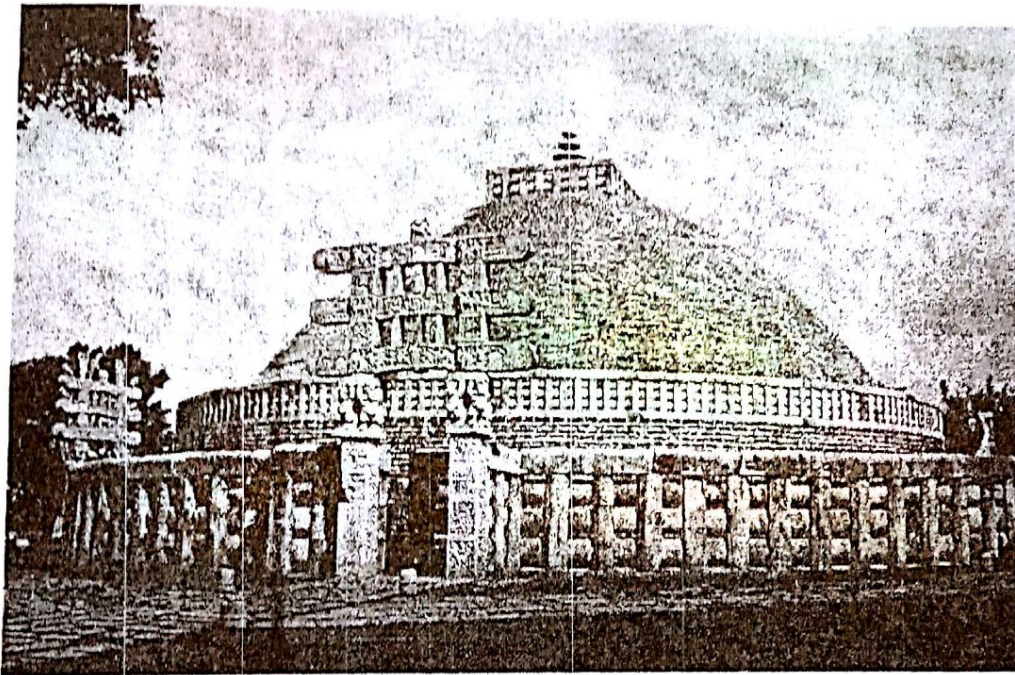
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Question 10

Study the Picture given below and answer the following questions:



- Identify the structure given in the picture.
- Write any three features of it
- State two differences between a 'Chaitya' and a 'Vihara'.

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