

MAR THOMA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, THIRUVALLA
SECOND TERMINAL EXAMINATION, 2017-'18

Class: IX

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) The Directive Principles of State Policy are in which article. [1]
- b) Write the aim of Five Year Plan. [1]
- c) Which year the Minimum wages was passed? [1]
- d) Who introduced the Panchayati Raj system in India? [1]
- e) Define Election. [1]
- f) Who appoints the Election Commissioner? [1]
- g) Which part of the Constitution the *free and fair conduct of elections* mentioned? [1]
- h) Which year election commission changes as a multi-member body? [1]
- i) Which is the known as the second house of a State? [1]
- j) How many members are nominated to Rajya Sabha by the President of India? [1]

QUESTION.2

- a) What is *triratna*? [2]
- b) How did Jainism contribute to the growth of vernacular language? [2]
- c) Name the Greek General who was defeated by Chandragupta Maurya. [2]
- d) How many provinces were in the Mauryan Empire.? What change did Ashoka introduce there? [2]
- e) What information does the book '*Indika*' provide? [2]

- f) Write the name of great centre of trade and commerce during Sangam period. [2]
- g) Write the name of physician who lived during the Gupta age. [2]
- h) What was the capital of the Cholas? [2]
- i) Write the two epics written by Kalidasa. [2]
- j) In context of Gupta empire during whose time period was the Iron Pillar in Delhi erected? [2]

PART - II (50 Marks)

SECTION A

Attempt any *two* questions from this Section.

QUESTION.3

With reference to the National Food Security Act,

- (a) Name the bill was passed based on *The National Food Security Act* and when it was passed. [2]
- (b) Write any three importance of *The National Food Security Act*. [4]
- (c) Write any four features of the Act. [4]

QUESTION.4

In the context of Election;

- (a) Write the difference between *direct election* and *indirect election*. [4]
- (b) Difference between *General Election* and *By-Election*. [3]
- (c) Write a short note on Election Commission. [3]

QUESTION.5

With reference to the Constitution;

- (a) Explain Directive Principles of State Policy. [4]
- (b) What you mean by Welfare State? [3]
- (c) Explain any three foreign welfare policies taken by the constitution to the implementation of Directive Principles. [3]

SECTION B

Attempt any **three** questions from this Section

QUESTION.6

With reference to the period of Buddhism;

- (a) Write the noble *eightfold path*? [4]
- (b) Explain any three fundamental teaching of Buddhism. [3]
- (c) Write about *Ahimsa* in the context of Buddhism. [3]

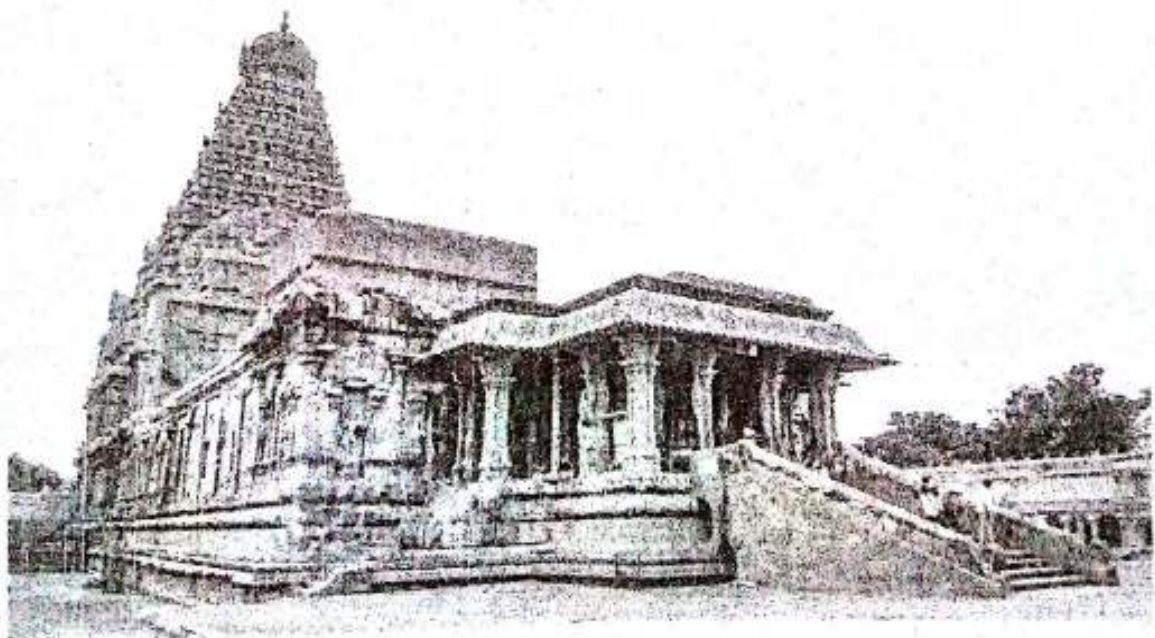
QUESTION.7

With reference to the literature of the Sangam period;

- a) Explain the phenomenon of poems as a literary source of the Sangam Age. [3]
- b) Tolkappiyam refers to the five-fold division of lands -comment [4]
- c) Assess the significance of the overseas commerce during the Sangam age. [3]

QUESTION.8

With reference to the literary and archaeological sources of the Chola Period;



- a) Identify the monument in the picture and explain the peculiarities of its architectural design. [3]
- b) Explain the importance of inscriptions. [3]
- c) Write any four information provided through inscriptions. [4]

QUESTION.9

With reference to the age of Gupta period,

- (a) Write a brief account of Fahien's visit to India and his observation on India. [3]
- (b) Write a short description about Nalanda University. [3]
- (c) Write a report on the *Prayaga Prashsthi*. [4]

QUESTION.10

With reference to the Chola Period;

- (a) Write about the overseas trade during Rajaraja I. [4]
- (b) Write about the literary sources during the Cholas. [3]
- (c) Describe any three important features of the Chola administration. [3]