

Standard : VIII

Time : 1½ Hours

**Instructions :**

Total Score : 40

- Fifteen minute is cool off time.
- Read the questions and instructions carefully before writing the answers.
- While answering the questions, consider score and time.

**Answer any five questions from Qn. 1 to 6**

**Each carries 2 score (5x2 = 10)**

1. Legislature is one of the organs of the Government of India. ~~Write the other~~ two organs.
2. What are the major sources to understand the history of ancient Tamilakam?
3. Who is known as the father of modern Economics? Name the theory put forward by him emphasising freedom to individuals.
4. Complete the table related to the main rulers of Magadha and their dynasties.

Rulers	Dynasties
Bimbisara	Haryanka Dynasty
Shishunagan	.....(a).....
.....(b).....	Nanda Dynasty

5. What were the factors that promoted Alexander, the ruler of Macedonia to attack India?
6. Name the notable Kushana ruler who ruled India after the decline of the Maurya empire? Mention the style of sculpture emerged during the reign of Kushanas.

**Answer any four questions from Qn. 7 to 11.**

**Each carries 3 score (4x3 = 12)**

7. "Informs the President the decisions taken by the Cabinet" is one among the functions of the Prime Minister. Write any three other important functions of Prime Minister?
8. Mention the circumstances that led to the development of exchange centres of Gangetic plain into cities.

9. Write any three main reasons for the drain of resources from India based on the Drain Theory of Dadabhai Naoroji.
10. List out the sources of dust particles in the atmosphere.
11. Mention the names of the following related to ancient Tamilakam
- Morning market
  - Evening market
  - The practice of exchange of goods

**Answer any two questions from Qn. 12 to 14**  
**Each carries 4 score (2x4 = 8)**

12. Link column 'A' with appropriate items from column 'B'

A	B
Alfred Marshall	Arthasasthra
Karl Marx	Principles of Economics
Mahatma Gandhi	Das Capital
Chanakya	Hind Swaraj

13. Magadha was the most powerful among the Mahajanapadas. What might be the reasons for their supremacy?
14. The Tinais had an important role in moulding the social life of ancient Tamilakam. Substantiate.

**Answer any two questions from Qn. 15 to 17.**  
**Each carries 5 score (2x5 = 10)**

15. How did the administrative system of the Mauryans influence the economic activities of the empire?
16. Explain the contributions of Buddhism on Indian society and culture.
17. List out the methods of representing scale on maps. Explain any two of them.