

First Term Onam Examination 2025 - Social Science Answer Key

Class VI (English Medium)

Total Marks: 30

Answer Key

1. Early Humans and Their Cool Tools

- a) The Heidelberg man's skull is a fossil skull found in Germany, showing early humans (*Homo heidelbergensis*) had large brains and strong jaws, indicating they were skilled hunters and toolmakers. (2 marks)
- b) One thing that makes the Neolithic period special is the use of polished stone tools for farming and building. (2 marks)
- c) Example answer: I would use the tool to crack coconuts because it's sturdy and sharp, making it easier to break the shell. (1 mark)

2. Mesopotamian Message Madness

- a) One cool thing about the Cuneiform script is that it was written on clay tablets using a wedge-shaped stylus, one of the earliest writing systems. (2 marks)
- b) One reason Mesopotamians loved living near rivers is that rivers provided water for farming, supporting crops like wheat. (3 marks)

3. Egyptian Pyramids and Mummy Mania

- a) Pyramids were built as tombs for Pharaohs to protect their bodies and treasures for the afterlife. (2 marks)
- b) One step in making a mummy is removing internal organs and placing them in canopic jars. (2 marks)
- c) Example answer: I would preserve my favorite book by wrapping it tightly in cloth, like Egyptians wrapped mummies, to keep it safe. (1 mark)

4. Athens and the Voting Party

- a) In Athens, only free adult male citizens could vote in the democratic system. (2 marks)
- b) One rule to keep a class party vote fair is to ensure everyone gets one vote, like in Athenian assemblies. (2 marks)
- c) Example answer: I would vote for a superhero theme because it's exciting. (1 mark)

5. Persian Empire and the Super Satraps

- a) A satrapy was a province in the Persian Empire, and satraps were governors who managed it, collecting taxes and maintaining order. (2 marks)
- b) One way a school's system is like satrapies is that class monitors manage tasks under the principal, similar to satraps under the king. (3 marks)

6. Magadha's Mega Rise

- a) One reason Magadha became powerful was its fertile land, which supported agriculture and wealth. (2 marks)

b) Example answer: Inspired by Chandragupta, I would build a community library to share knowledge. (3 marks)

7. What's a State Anyway?

a) Sovereignty means a state's ability to govern itself and make its own laws without external control. (2 marks)

b) One problem if a town has no government is that roads might not be cleaned, causing garbage pile-up. (2 marks)

c) Example answer: I would miss clean roads more because it affects travel and health. (1 mark)

8. Globe-Trotting with Maps

a) The Equator is an imaginary line around Earth's middle, dividing it into Northern and Southern Hemispheres; the Prime Meridian is a line of longitude at 0°, dividing East and West. (2 marks)

b) Knowing Australia's location (southern hemisphere, warm climate) helps pack sunscreen for sun protection. (3 marks)

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