

COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

SOCIAL SCIENCE

[Max. Marks : 100

PART - I**I. Choose the correct Answer.****14x1=14**

- _____ is genetically closest to humans
(a) Gorilla (b) Chimpanzee (c) Orang-utan (d) Great Apes
- The name of the script used in the Sangam Age
(a) English (b) Devanagari (c) Tamil-Brahmi (d) Granta
- The School of Athens was painted by
(a) Raphael (b) Michelangelo (c) Albrecht Dürer (d) Leonardo da Vinci
- The continent of America was named after
(a) Amerigo Vespucci (b) Christopher Columbus (c) Vasco da Gama (d) Hernando Cortez
- Magma is found in the
(a) crust (b) mantle (c) core (d) None of the above
- _____ is the most important gas for the survival of living organisms.
(a) Helium (b) carbon-di-oxide (c) oxygen (d) methane
- _____ clouds are called 'Sheep clouds'
(a) Alto-cumulus (b) Alto-Stratus (c) Nimbo - stratus (d) Cirro- stratus
- The coldest biome on Earth is
(a) Tundra (b) Taiga (c) Desert (d) Oceans
- The 'World Population Day' is observed on every year.
(a) August 11th (b) September 11th (c) July 11th (d) January 11th
- Kudavolai system was followed by
(a) Cheras (b) Pandyas (c) Cholas (d) Kalabhras
- The largest democratic country in the world is
(a) Canada (b) India (c) USA (d) China
- 'Apartheid' was followed by
(a) South Sudan (b) South Africa (c) Nigeria (d) Egypt
- Which one of the following is not in the Secondary Sector?
(a) Construction (b) Manufacturing (c) Small Scale Industry (d) Forestry
- The North-East monsoon period in Tamil Nadu
(a) August - October (b) September - November
(c) October - December (d) November - January

PART - II**II. Give answer any 10 questions. (Question no is 28 Compulsory)****10x2=20**

- Hummurabi code is an important legal document. Explain.
- Agriculture was one of the main sources of subsistence in sangam age.
- Elaborate the term "Tri-Ratnas".
- What is Sericulture?
- Mention the three courses of a river.
- Mention the factors that effect the climate.
- What does the term 'biodiversity' mean?
- Give Abraham Lincoln's definition for democracy.

23. What are the fundamental right?
24. What are the merits of federal government?
25. What do you mean by development?
26. What are the three sectors of an economy?
27. What is ancient money?
28. What do you mean the term "Density of population"?

PART - III

10x5=50

III. Give answer any 10 questions. (Question no is 42 Compulsory)

29. Fill in the blanks.

- i) ----- is known as the Middle Stone Age, as it is placed between the Paleolithic and Neolithic.
 - ii) ----- was the first Prime Minister of independent India.
 - iii) ----- is known as the 'Father of Local Governments'.
 - iv) Tamil Nadu receives rainfall all from the -----.
 - v) The state having the highest literacy rate in India is -----.
30. The history of humans is closely related to the history of the Earth. Elucidate.
31. Compare and contrast the principles of Jainism and Buddhism.

32. (a) Distinguish between :

- i) Core and Crust.
- ii) Primary activities and Secondary activities.

(b) Give Reason : Continental shelf provides good fishing ground.

33. Describe the structure of the Earth.
34. Write a paragraph about the structure of the atmosphere.
35. Describe the patterns of rural settlement with neat diagrams.
36. What are the challenges to Indian democracy? Explain.
37. Write about the merits of unitary form of government.
38. Differentiate between renewable and non renewable resources.
39. Explain : (a) Primary sector (b) Secondary sector (c) Tertiary sector
40. Give a note on the water resources of Tamil Nadu.
41. Time Line : Draw a Time Line between 600 BC - 100 BC and write any five important events
42. Mark the following places on the World map .

- (i) Pacific ocean (ii) south America (iii) Indian Ocean (iv) Asia (v) Australia

PART - IV

IV. Answer the following questions.

8x2=16

43. (a) Discuss the political changes during 1526 - 1707 AD . (OR)
- (b) To what extent do you think the political powers of Tamilagam influenced Sangam Age Polity?
44. (a) Mark the following places on the World Map
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| (i) Pacific ring fire | (ii) Alps range |
| (iii) Himalaiya | (iv) East African Rift Valley |
| (v) Cape of good hope | (vi) Sahara hot desert |
| (vii) Gobi cold desert | (viii) vasco da gama the sea route to india |

(OR)

(b) Mark the following places on the Tamil Nadu Map

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| (i) Keezhadi | (ii) Pandyas | (iii) Cholas | (iv) Cheras | (v) Arrikamedu |
| (vi) Chennai | (vii) Uraiyur | (viii) Kanyakumari | | |