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**SECOND SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – MODEL QUESTION PAPER**

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**Standard: VIII**  
**Subject: Social Science**  
**Time: 1½ Hours**  
**Maximum Score: 40**

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**Instructions**

- The first **15 minutes** is cool-off time.
  - This time is to be used for reading the question paper only.
  - Do **not** write anything during the cool-off time.
  - Read the instructions carefully before answering.
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**Section A**

**Answer all questions from 1 to 4**

*(Each question carries 1 score –  $4 \times 1 = 4$ )*

1. Which document is considered the earliest written charter of rights in the world?

- a) Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- b) Magna Carta
- c) Bill of Rights (USA)
- d) Indian Constitution

2. Match the following correctly.

**Set I – Terms**

**Set II – Related Concepts**

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) Fundamental Rights   | i) Articles 36–51            |
| b) Directive Principles | ii) Articles 14–18           |
| c) Right to Equality    | iii) Not legally enforceable |
| d) Writs                | iv) Issued by Supreme Court  |

- a) a-ii, b-i, c-iii, d-iv
- b) a-iv, b-iii, c-ii, d-i
- c) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv
- d) a-ii, b-iii, c-i, d-iv

3. Which among the following is a **renewable resource**?

- a) Coal
- b) Petroleum
- c) Wind
- d) Iron ore

4. Choose the statement **not related** to digital etiquette.

- a) Respect others' privacy
  - b) Sharing unverified information
  - c) Avoiding abusive language
  - d) Responsible online behaviour
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## Section B

Answer questions from 5 to 7

*(Each question carries 2 scores –  $3 \times 2 = 6$ )*

*(In questions with OR, answer only one)*

5. (A) A 12-year-old child is working in a workshop instead of attending school. Which fundamental rights are violated in this situation? Explain briefly.

OR

(B) What is meant by the Right to Equality? Mention any **two features** of this right.

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6. (A) Differentiate between **renewable** and **non-renewable** resources with examples.

OR

(B) How do **metallic minerals** differ from **non-metallic minerals**?

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7. Complete the diagram related to different forms of media:

**Different Forms of Media**

- Traditional Media
    - Print Media
    - (a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - New Media
    - (b) \_\_\_\_\_
    - Social Media
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## Section C

Answer questions from 8 to 11

*(Each question carries 3 scores –  $4 \times 3 = 12$ )*

*(In questions with OR, answer only one)*

8. (A) What is a **mixed economy**? Explain its main features.

OR

(B) Distinguish between **capitalist economy** and **socialist economy**.

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9. “India chose democracy as its system of governance.”

Explain the reasons for adopting democracy in India.

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10. (A) What is meant by **digital etiquette**? Explain any three guidelines related to it.

OR

(B) Explain how **technology and media** are interconnected in modern society.

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11. (A) Compare **labour-intensive technique** and **capital-intensive technique**.

OR

(B) Name the first Indian economist to receive the Nobel Prize in Economics and explain any two of his ideas.

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## Section D

Answer questions from 12 to 14

*(Each question carries 4 scores –  $3 \times 4 = 12$ )*

*(In questions with OR, answer only one)*

12. (A) Describe various types of pollution and explain how they affect environmental sustainability.

OR

(B) Classify manufacturing industries on the basis of raw materials with examples.

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13. (A) What is **direct democracy**? Explain any devices of direct democracy seen in modern democratic systems.

OR

(B) Compare **Parliamentary system** and **Presidential system** of democracy.

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14. (A) Explain the importance of **resource conservation** and sustainable development.

OR

(B) Describe the major problems caused by rapid industrialisation.

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### Section E

Answer any ONE question

*(Each question carries 6 scores –  $1 \times 6 = 6$ )*

15. (A) “Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties together ensure a balanced democracy.”

Explain this statement with suitable examples.

OR

(B) Describe the role of media in shaping public opinion and social life.