

Class X — SA1 Model Question Paper

Social Studies (English Version)

SA1 syllabus covered

- Geography: 1 Resources and Development; 2 Forest and Wildlife Resources; 3 Water Resources; 4 Agriculture; 5 Minerals and Energy Resources
- History: 1 The Rise of Nationalism in Europe; 2 Nationalism in India; 3 The Making of a Global World; 4 The Age of Industrialisation; 5 Print Culture and the Modern World
- Political Science: 1 Power Sharing; 2 Federalism; 3 Gender, Religion and Caste; 4 Political Parties
- Economics: 1 Development; 2 Sectors of the Indian Economy; 3 Money and Credit; 4 Globalisation and the Indian Economy
- Map work on the outline maps of India and the World (SA1 chapters only)
- Not included for SA1: Manufacturing Industries, Outcomes of Democracy, Consumer Rights

Question paper pattern

Section	Type of question	Question numbers	Marks
I	Objective / one word (MCQ, odd one out, mismatched pair, analogy, sequencing)	1 – 12	12 × 1 = 12
II	Short answer	13 – 20	8 × 2 = 16
III	Short answer (4 marks)	21 – 28	8 × 4 = 32
IV	Long answer with internal choice; Q 33 is map pointing (India + World)	29 – 33	5 × 8 = 40
	Total	33	100

Where each chapter is tested

Discipline	Paper 1 — question numbers	Paper 2 — question numbers
Geography	1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 14, 21, 22, 29, 33(A)	1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 29, 33(A)
History	4, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 30, 33(B)	4, 6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 30, 33(B)
Political Science	9, 10, 17, 18, 26, 32	9, 10, 17, 18, 26, 32
Economics	5, 11, 19, 20, 27, 28, 31	5, 11, 19, 27, 28, 31

Notes for teachers

- Pattern follows the BSEAP SSC 2025-26 Social Studies model paper (4 sections, 33 questions; choice only in Section IV; in Q 33 both the India map and the World map must be answered).
- The data tables in Q 27 and Q 31 use round, illustrative figures for practice in reading and interpreting data; they are not official statistics.
- Attach blank outline maps of India and the World for Q 33.

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks: 100

Instructions:

1. In the duration of 3 hours 15 minutes, 15 minutes of time is allotted to read the question paper.
2. All answers shall be written in the answer booklet only.
3. Question paper consists of 4 sections and 33 questions.
4. Internal choice is available in Section IV only.
5. All answers shall be written neatly and legibly.

SECTION – I

12 × 1 = 12 M

Note: 1) Answer all the questions. 2) Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Which type of soil, deposited by rivers, is the most widely spread in India?
2. Find the odd one out:
A) Coal B) Petroleum C) Solar energy D) Natural gas
3. On which river is the Bhakra Nangal project built?
4. Who was proclaimed the king of united Italy in 1861?
5. Expand WTO.
6. In which year did the Non-Cooperation Movement begin?
7. Find out the mismatched pair:
Rabi crop – Wheat
Kharif crop – Paddy
Zaid crop – Mustard
8. Who developed the first known printing press in Europe in the 1430s?
9. In which country was a 'community government' set up as a form of power sharing?
10. Under which list does a subject like 'computer software', which came up after the Constitution was made, fall?
11. Based on the first pair, complete the second pair:
Primary sector : Agriculture :: Tertiary sector : _____
12. Arrange the following events in chronological order:
Dandi March, Jallianwala Bagh massacre, arrival of the Simon Commission, Non-Cooperation Movement

SECTION – II

8 × 2 = 16 M

Note: 1) Answer all the questions. 2) Each question carries 2 marks.

13. What is resource planning? Why is it necessary in a country like India?
14. Write any two differences between the rabi and kharif cropping seasons.
15. What were the Corn Laws? Why were they abolished?
16. Why did Indians oppose the Rowlatt Act of 1919?

17. What is a coalition government?
18. Give any two reasons why the majoritarian measures adopted in Sri Lanka after 1948 were unfair to the Sri Lankan Tamils.
19. "An Indian IT company opens an office in the USA, while an American car company sets up a factory near Chennai." What does this tell us about globalisation?
20. What are the public sector and the private sector? Give one example of each.

SECTION – III

8 × 4 = 32 M

Note: 1) Answer all the questions. 2) Each question carries 4 marks.

21. What is soil erosion? Explain any three methods of soil conservation.
22. Why were multi-purpose river projects called the 'temples of modern India'? Why are they being opposed now?
23. Describe the process of the unification of Germany.
24. How did the First World War create a new economic and political situation in India?
25. How did print culture help the growth of nationalism in India in the nineteenth century?
26. Explain the major steps taken towards decentralisation in India through the Constitutional amendment of 1992.
27. Study the table and answer the questions.

Country	Per capita income (US \$)	Literacy rate (%)	Life expectancy (years)
Country A	12,000	60	62
Country B	9,000	92	74

- i) Which country has the higher per capita income?
 - ii) Which country would you consider more developed? Give two reasons for your answer.
28. What are Self Help Groups (SHGs)? How do they help the rural poor, especially women?

SECTION – IV

5 × 8 = 40 M

Note: 1) Answer all the questions. 2) Each question carries 8 marks. 3) Each question has internal choice. 4) In Q.No. 33 both A (India map) and B (World map) should be answered separately.

29. A) Describe the distribution of the major iron ore belts in India.

(OR)

- B) Explain the technological and institutional reforms introduced to improve Indian agriculture.

30. A) Why did Gandhiji launch the Civil Disobedience Movement? How did different social groups take part in it?

(OR)

- B) Describe how the lives of Indian weavers changed after the East India Company established political power in India.

31. A) Study the table showing the share of the three sectors in the GDP of a country and write your observations.

Year	Primary (%)	Secondary (%)	Tertiary (%)
1980	40	25	35

2000	28	27	45
2020	18	26	56

(OR)

B) Study the table showing the sources of credit for rural households in a district and write your observations.

Source of credit	Share of total loans (%)
Moneylenders	35
Commercial banks	30
Cooperative societies	20
Relatives and friends	10
Others	5

32. A) Explain the different forms of power sharing in modern democracies with an example of each.

(OR)

B) What are the main functions of political parties in a democracy?

33. A) Locate the following on the given outline map of India:

1) Champaran 2) Dandi 3) Amritsar 4) Kheda

(OR)

5) Chauri Chaura 6) Tehri Dam 7) Jharia coalfield 8) River Narmada

B) Locate the following on the given outline map of the World:

1) France 2) Germany 3) Italy 4) Belgium

(OR)

5) Sri Lanka 6) Austria 7) Britain 8) USA

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