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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – TERM II, 2026–27

SOCIAL SCIENCE (English Medium)

SET 1

Standard: IX **Time: 2½ Hours**

Total Score: 80

Instructions

- The first 15 minutes is cool-off time. Use it to read the questions and plan your answers.
- There are 31 questions in Sections A, B, C, D and E.
- Questions 9, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31 have a choice. Answer only one of the options.
- Answer according to the score and time.

Section A

Answer all questions from 1 to 8. Each carries 1 score. **(8 × 1 = 8)**

1. Which Gupta ruler is shown playing the veena on his coins? (1)

a) Chandragupta I b) Samudragupta c) Skandagupta d) Kumaragupta

2. Which of the following subjects is included in the Union List? (1)

a) Police b) Defence c) Agriculture d) Public health

3. The highest peak in South India is (1)

a) Doddabetta b) Anamudi c) Mahendragiri d) Mahabaleshwar

4. Which of the following is NOT a function of the Election Commission of India? (1)

a) Preparing the voters' list b) Conducting elections to Parliament

c) Granting recognition to political parties d) Appointing the Prime Minister

5. Match Column A with Column B. (1)

A	B
a) Primary sector	i. Street vendor
b) Secondary sector	ii. Fishing
c) Tertiary sector	iii. Textile mill
d) Unorganised sector	iv. Banking

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

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

6. **Assertion (A):** The Thar desert receives very little rainfall. (1)

Reason (R): The Aravalli range lies parallel to the direction of the south-west monsoon winds.

a) Both A and R are true, and R explains A.

b) Both A and R are true, but R does not explain A.

c) A is true, but R is false.

d) A is false, but R is true.

7. The number of females per 1000 males in a population is called (1)

a) Population density b) Sex ratio c) Literacy rate d) Dependency ratio

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8. Read the statements and choose the correct option. (1)

I. The Luni is the main river of the Thar region.

II. The Luni flows into the Bay of Bengal.

a) Only Statement I is correct b) Only Statement II is correct

c) Both statements are correct d) Both statements are wrong

Section B

Answer questions 9 to 15. Question 9 has a choice. Each carries 2 scores. (7 × 2 = 14)

9 A. What were brahmadeya and devadana lands? (2)

OR

9 B. Write any two features of the temples built by the Pallavas at Mahabalipuram. (2)

10. "Education is the foundation of human capital formation." Write two ways in which education helps a nation. (2)

11. Write any two features of the Lok Sabha. (2)

12. The black soil of the Deccan Plateau is ideal for cotton. How was this soil formed? (2)

13. What is the Concurrent List? Give two examples of subjects included in it. (2)

14. Write two functions of the National Human Rights Commission. (2)

15. What is meant by demographic dividend? (2)

Section C

Answer questions 16 to 23. Each carries 3 scores. (8 × 3 = 24)

16. How did the land grant system help in the spread of agriculture? (3)

17. Write the main features of the Western Ghats. (3)

18. Distinguish between the organised sector and the unorganised sector. (3)

19. India is a union of states with a strong centre. Write any three federal features of the Indian Constitution. (3)

20. What is national income? Write any two uses of estimating national income. (3)

21. Write the main causes of the rapid growth of population in India. (3)

22. Describe the climate of the Thar desert. (3)

23. "A healthy population is the wealth of a nation." Explain the role of health in human capital formation. (3)

Section D

Answer questions 24 to 29. Questions 26, 27 and 29 have a choice. Each carries 4 scores. (6 × 4 = 24)

24. Explain the changes that the land grant system brought about in the society of the Gupta period. (4)

25. Compare the Western Ghats and the Eastern Ghats. (4)

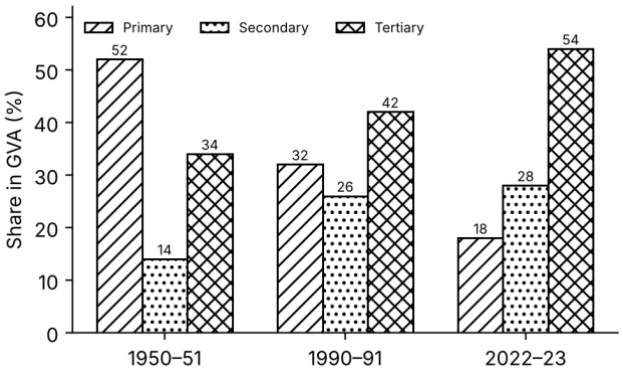
26 A. Life expectancy in Kerala is higher than the national average. What are the reasons? (4)

OR

26 B. Explain the measures that can help India turn its large population into a resource. (4)

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27 A. The graph shows the approximate share of the three sectors in India's Gross Value Added (GVA).



a) Which sector had the largest share in 1950–51? (1)

b) Which sector shows the greatest growth? Give two reasons for this growth. (3)

OR

27 B. The share of agriculture in GVA is falling, but a large part of our workforce still depends on it. Analyse this situation. (4)

28. Mark and label the following on the outline map of India. (4)

a) Aravalli range

b) River Narmada

c) Deccan Plateau

d) Thar desert

[Outline map of India to be inserted here]

29 A. Explain the composition and functions of the Election Commission of India. (4)

OR

29 B. The Supreme Court is called the guardian of the Constitution. Explain. (4)

Section E

Answer questions 30 and 31. Both have a choice. Each carries 5 scores. **(2 × 5 = 10)**

30 A. Explain how the land grant system changed the economy and society of South India in the early medieval period. (5)

OR

30 B. Describe the main features of the Dravidian style of temple architecture. (5)

31 A. Explain the major divisions of the Peninsular Plateau and their features. (5)

OR

31 B. What are the different types of unemployment seen in India? Suggest measures to solve the problem. (5)

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