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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – TERM II, 2026–27

SOCIAL SCIENCE (English Medium)

SET 2

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. Kalidasa, the author of Abhijnanasakuntalam, is traditionally believed to have lived in the court of (1)

a) Samudragupta b) Chandragupta II c) Harsha d) Ashoka

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

a) Defence b) Railways c) Police d) Foreign affairs

3. The plateau lying between the Aravalli and the Vindhya ranges is (1)

a) Chotanagpur b) Malwa c) Deccan d) Bundelkhand

4. Who presides over the meetings of the Rajya Sabha? (1)

a) The President b) The Prime Minister

c) The Vice-President d) The Speaker

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

A	**B**
a) Sex ratio	i. Average number of years a person is expected to live
b) Population density	ii. Percentage of literates among people aged seven and above
c) Literacy rate	iii. Number of females per 1000 males
d) Life expectancy	iv. Number of people per square kilometre

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

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

6. **Assertion (A):** The west-flowing rivers of the Western Ghats are short and swift. (1)

Reason (R): The Western Ghats lie close to the west coast and slope steeply to the west.

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.

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7. In which state is the Rann of Kutch located? (1)

a) Rajasthan b) Gujarat c) Maharashtra d) Punjab

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

I. The Rajya Sabha is a permanent house.

II. All members of the Rajya Sabha retire together every six years.

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 agraharas? (2)

OR

9 B. How did the land grant system affect the power of the kings? (2)

10. Write two differences between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. (2)

11. What are residuary powers? Who has the power to make laws on them in India? (2)

12. The Eastern Ghats are not a continuous range. Why? (2)

13. What is Gross Domestic Product (GDP)? (2)

14. Write two features of the natural vegetation of the Thar desert. (2)

15. What is meant by human capital? (2)

Section C

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

16. Temples became important economic centres in early medieval South India. Explain. (3)

17. Write the main features of the Deccan Plateau. (3)

18. Explain the three sectors of the economy with one example each. (3)

19. Write any three functions of the Indian Parliament. (3)

20. What is a census? Write two uses of census data. (3)

21. Write the main causes of internal migration in India. (3)

22. How has the Indira Gandhi Canal changed life in the Thar desert? (3)

23. Why is spending on education and health called an investment in human capital? (3)

Section D

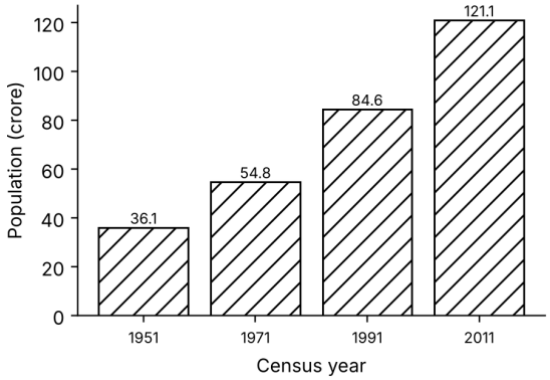
Answer questions 24 to 29. Questions 26, 27 and 29 have a choice. Each carries 4 scores. (6 × 4 = 24)

24. The Gupta period saw great progress in literature, science and art. Explain with examples. (4)

25. Compare the Central Highlands and the Deccan Plateau. (4)

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26 A. The graph shows India's population in four census years.



a) By how much did the population increase between 1951 and 2011? (1)

b) What problems can rapid population growth create? (Any three) (3)

OR

26 B. Suggest measures to control population growth in India. (4)

27 A. Workers in the unorganised sector need social security. Why? Name one scheme or law that helps them. (4)

OR

27 B. The service sector is the fastest-growing sector of the Indian economy. Give reasons. (4)

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

a) Western Ghats

b) Malwa Plateau

c) River Godavari

d) Rann of Kutch

[Outline map of India to be inserted here]

29 A. Explain the division of powers between the Union and the States in the Indian Constitution. (4)

OR

29 B. Write the functions of the National Commission for Women. (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 led to changes in the caste system and the growth of feudal features in Indian society. (5)

OR

30 B. Describe the rock-cut and structural temples built by the Pallavas. (5)

31 A. Describe the physical features and climate of the Thar desert, and how people and animals have adapted to it. (5)

OR

31 B. Explain the changes in the share of the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors in the Indian economy since independence. (5)

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