SECOND TERM SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT 2026-27

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Std: X SET 1 **Score: 80**

Cool-off time: 15 minutes **Time: 2½ Hours**

Instructions

- The first 15 minutes is cool-off time. Use it to read the questions and plan your answers.
- Answer according to the instructions and the score given for each question.
- For questions with a choice (A or B), answer only one.

Questions 1 to 8 carry 1 score each. **(8 × 1 = 8)**

1. Gandhiji began the Dandi March on 12 March 1930 from (1)

A. Sabarmati Ashram B. Wardha C. Champaran D. Bardoli

2. Which is the central bank of India? (1)

A. State Bank of India B. NABARD C. Reserve Bank of India D. Canara Bank

3. Choose the correct pairs. (1)

(i) Equatorial region – evergreen forests
(ii) Tundra region – mosses and lichens
(iii) Mediterranean region – tropical monsoon forests
(iv) Hot desert – thorny bushes

A. (i), (ii), (iv) B. (i), (iii) C. (ii), (iii), (iv) D. (iii), (iv)

4. Which of the following is NOT a feature of mercantilism? (1)

A. Accumulating gold and silver
B. Exports should be more than imports
C. Colonies are markets and sources of raw materials
D. Trade should be free from all state control

5. Who led the integration of the princely states as the first Home Minister of free India? (1)

A. Jawaharlal Nehru B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel C. V. P. Menon D. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

6. The point on the Earth's surface directly above the place where an earthquake originates is called the (1)

A. focus B. epicentre C. crust D. fault

7. Match the payment systems with their features. (1)

A	B
a) RTGS	(i) Instant transfer using a mobile phone
b) NEFT	(ii) Large-value transfer in real time
c) UPI	(iii) Transfer settled in batches

A. a-(i), b-(ii), c-(iii) B. a-(ii), b-(iii), c-(i)
C. a-(iii), b-(i), c-(ii) D. a-(ii), b-(i), c-(iii)

8. Mark each statement as true or false and choose the correct option. (1)

a) Public opinion is formed only through newspapers.

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b) Pressure groups try to influence the government without contesting elections.
c) Fake news can weaken democracy.
d) The opposition has no role in a democracy.
A. a and b true; c and d false B. b and c true; a and d false
C. a and d true; b and c false D. All are true

Questions 9 to 16 carry 2 scores each. **(8 × 2 = 16)**

9. (A) Write two features of Renaissance painting. (2)

OR

(B) How did the printing press help the spread of Renaissance ideas? (2)

10. (A) What did the slogan "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" of the French Revolution stand for? (2)

OR

(B) Write two reasons for the American War of Independence. (2)

11. Write two functions of money. (2)

12. What is fake news? Suggest one way to identify it. (2)

13. Why did Indians boycott the Simon Commission? What was their slogan? (2)

14. Distinguish between physical weathering and chemical weathering. (2)

15. (A) What is a pressure group? Give an example. (2)

OR

(B) Write the role of the opposition parties in a democracy. (2)

16. Name any two types of deposits accepted by commercial banks. (2)

Questions 17 to 22 carry 3 scores each. **(6 × 3 = 18)**

17. The Industrial Revolution began in England. Write three reasons for this. (3)

18. Write three features of the Quit India Movement. (3)

19. (A) How have the people of the Tundra region adapted to its harsh climate? (3)

OR

(B) Why are the equatorial forests called the "lungs of the world"? Write two other features of these forests. (3)

20. Write any three functions of the Reserve Bank of India. (3)

21. (A) What is sociological imagination? Explain with an example. (3)

OR

(B) Write any three rights of a consumer. (3)

22. Volcanoes are dangerous, yet people live near them. (3)
a) What is a volcano?
b) Distinguish between magma and lava.
c) Write one benefit of volcanic activity.

Questions 23 to 29 carry 4 scores each. **(7 × 4 = 28)**

23. Explain the impact of British colonial rule on the Indian economy. (4)

24. (A) What is inflation? Write its causes and the steps taken by the RBI to control it. (4)

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OR

(B) Write the advantages of digital payments and the precautions to be taken while using them. (4)

25. Explain the features of the Civil Disobedience Movement and the participation of different sections of people in it. (4)

26. Explain the climate of the Mediterranean region and its main agricultural activities. (4)

27. How were the princely states integrated into the Indian Union? Explain with examples. (4)

28. Mark the following on the world outline map provided. (4)

a) The Amazon basin (equatorial region)
b) The Sahara desert
c) The Prairies
d) The Tundra region of North America

29. What are lithospheric plates? Explain the types of plate boundaries with the landforms associated with them. (4)

Questions 30 and 31 carry 5 scores each. **(2 × 5 = 10)**

30. (A) Explain the role of Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army in the freedom struggle. (5)

OR

(B) Explain the challenges faced by India soon after independence and how they were met. (5)

31. (A) Compare the Savanna and the Prairies on the basis of climate, vegetation, animals and economic activities. (5)

OR

(B) The surface of the Earth is changed by endogenic and exogenic forces. Explain with examples. (5)

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