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CLASS VIII
ANNUAL EXAMINATION (2024-25)
HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE
SET B2

TIME ALLOWED: 2HR 30 MINS **Max Marks:30**

General Instructions:

- This question paper consists of 6 pages.
- There are 12 questions in the paper. All questions are compulsory.
- Questions 1 to 4 are Objective type Questions & must be answered in one word/statement.
- Questions 5 & 6 carry 2 marks each and need to be answered in 20-30 words.
- Questions 7 & 8 carry 3 marks each and need to be answered in 30-50 words.
- Question 9 is a source-based question and needs to be answered as per the direction.
- Questions 10 and 11 carry 5 marks and need to be answered in 80-100 words.
- Question 12 is a Map Question carrying 2 marks.
- The map must be detached from the question paper and attached to the answer script.

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<tr><th>Q.No</th><th>SECTION-A
VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS</th><th>1X4=4</th></tr>
<tr><td>1</td><td>Match the content of column A with that of column B and choose the correct option.
<table><tr><th>COLUMN A</th><th>COLUMN B</th></tr><tr><td>1. Calligraphy</td><td>a. Dividing history into different time periods</td></tr><tr><td>2. Colonization</td><td>b. Establishing control over another country</td></tr><tr><td>3. Periodisation</td><td>c. The art of beautiful handwriting</td></tr></table>Options:
A. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a
B. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c
C. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a
D. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c</td><td>1</td></tr>
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<tr><td>2</td><td>Two statements are given in the question below as Assertion (A) and Reasoning (R). Read the statements and choose the appropriate option.

Assertion: Rivalry among European trading companies in 17th-century India often led to battles and conflicts.

Reasoning: The trading companies cooperated with each other to ensure mutual prosperity and growth in Indian markets.

Options:
A. Both A & R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A & R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is true & R is false.
D. A is false & R is true.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>Which of the following statements is/are true?

Statement 1: The Permanent Settlement led to the zamindars consistently improving the land and investing in its betterment.

Statement 2: The revenue fixed under the Permanent Settlement was increased periodically to help the Company generate more revenue.

Options:
A. Statement 1 only
B. Statement 2 only
C. Both Statements 1 and 2
D. Neither Statement 1 nor 2</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>Consider the following table:
<table><tr><th>Description of Violation</th><th>Civil Law/Criminal Law</th></tr><tr><td>1. A man was caught stealing a car from a parking lot and was charged with theft.</td><td>CIVIL</td></tr><tr><td>2. A couple sought legal action against a hotel for not providing the services they had paid for, resulting in a lawsuit for breach of contract.</td><td>CIVIL</td></tr><tr><td>3. A group of individuals was arrested for engaging in a physical fight at a public place, disturbing the peace and violating public order.</td><td>CRIMINAL</td></tr></table>
Which of the above Violations are correctly matched?
Options:</td><td>1</td></tr>
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	A. 1 and 2 B. 2 and 3 C. 1 and 3 D. 1, 2, and 3	
	SECTION-B **SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**	**2X2=4**
5	5.a. Who was the founder of the Satyashodhak Samaj? 5.b. What is the title of the book written by him in 1873 that highlights the struggles of the lower castes?	**1+1**
6	Discuss the importance of Universal Adult Franchise in a democratic system.	**2**
	SECTION -C **SHORT ASNWER TYPE QUESTION**	**2X3=6**
7	What is Question Hour in Parliament, and why is it considered essential for the efficient functioning of the legislature? OR What role does the opposition party play in strengthening a democratic system?	**1+2**
8	Explain Mahatma Gandhi's educational ideology and its key principles.	**3**
	SECTION -D **SOURCE BASED QUESTION**	**1X4=4**

9	**Read the following case study given below & answer the questions that follows.** In Jakmalgur, Rathnam, a 20-year-old Dalit student, refused to perform a traditional ritual imposed on his family, highlighting caste-based discrimination. His refusal angered the upper castes and led to his ostracization, violence, and arson of his house. Rathnam filed a case under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, seeking justice for the violence and discrimination. His case gained media attention, but his family faced continued social exclusion. The ritual was eventually called off. **Questions:** **9.a. What was the reaction of the upper castes to Rathnam's refusal to perform the traditional ritual?** **9.b.Based on the case study, discuss the discriminatory acts that are prohibited under the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989**.	**1+3**
	SECTION-E **LONG ANSWER QUESTION**	**2X5=10**
10	Differentiate between the moderates and extremists in the context of their political strategies, goals, and methods of protest during the early stages of India's struggle for independence. ***(RE-DRAW THE TABLE IN YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT)***	**5**

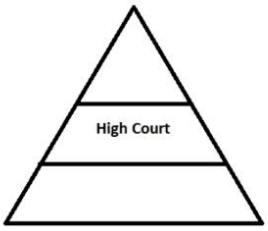
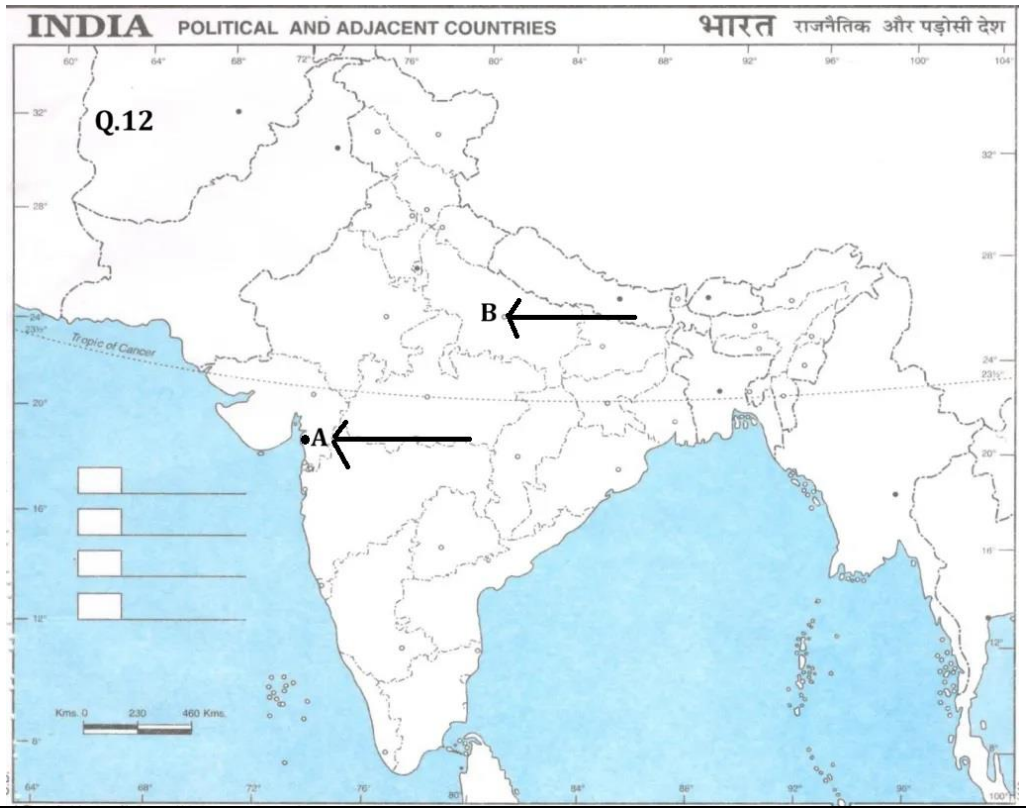
Basis	**Moderates**	**Extremists**
AIMS		
IDEOLOGY		
METHODOLOGY		
LEADERS		
DEMANDS		

OR

Answer the following questions based on your understanding of the events surrounding the Partition of Bengal and the Swadeshi Movement: **2+3**

10.a. Briefly highlight the key reasons for the British decision to partition Bengal in 1905.

10.b. Bring out any three significant features of the Swadeshi Movement that were directly aimed at opposing the partition of Bengal.

11	11.a. Based on your understanding of the hierarchy of courts in India, complete the following pyramidal structure.  11.b. A government minister publicly criticizes a recent court decision, suggesting that judges should consider the government's policies when making rulings. This raises concerns among citizens and legal experts about the independence of the judiciary. Considering the given situation, **highlight how the Indian Judiciary remains independent**.	**2+3**
	SECTION-F **MAP SKILL BASED QUESTION**	**1X2=2**
12	Two places **A** and **B** have been marked on the given outline map of India. Identify them with the help of the given information and write their correct names. **A.** The place where the Salt March came to an end and marked the launch of Civil Disobedience Movement.	**1+1**

B. Begum Hazrat Mahal took an active part in organizing the uprising against the British.