

ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE
TERM – 1 EXAMINATION, 2018 – 19
SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

STD: VIII

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1. Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option: (1x3=3)

- a) The method of sowing seeds in jhum cultivation in India is known as _____.
(i) herding (ii) multiple cropping (iii) planting (iv) shifting cultivation
- b) _____ is a popular eco-friendly automobile fuel as it causes less pollution.
(i) Petroleum (ii) Diesel (iii) CNG (iv) Coal
- b) The Rajya Sabha can have up to _____ members in the Parliament.
(i) 250 (ii) 350 (iii) 240 (iv) 300

2. Fill in the blanks: (1x3=3)

- a) The Champaran movement was against the _____.
- b) The colour, texture and chemical properties of soil is determined by _____.
- b) Evolution is the process of _____ from a simple to complex form.

3. Answer the following in one sentence: (1x3=3)

- a) Why was Mangal Pandey hanged to death?
- b) What is resource conservation?
- c) What is Lok Adalat?

4. Answer the following questions in brief: (3x12=36)

- a) What accounts for the anger of the tribals against the dikus? (3)
- b) How did the assumption of Diwani benefit the East India Company? (3)
- c) How did the Nawabs lose their power? (3)
- d) Why did the British choose to hold a grand darbar in Delhi although it was not capital? (3)
- e) Petroleum is referred to as “black gold”. Justify the statement. (3)
- f) How is the bird like vulture important for ecosystem? (3)
- g) Why are human resources important? (3)
- h) Distinguish between ferrous and nonferrous minerals. (3)
- i) What are the objectives of secularism in India? (3)
- j) Write the major features of Rajya Sabha. (3)

k) What do you understand by ‘domestic violence’? List two rights that the new law helped to achieve for women who are survivors of violence. (3)

l) Why do you think the introduction of Public Interest Litigation (PLT) in 1908s is a significant step in ensuring access to justice for all? (3)

5. Answer the following in detail: (5x6=30)

a) Describe the march of Meerut sepoys in Delhi. (5)

b) What was Birsa’s vision of golden age? Why do you think such a vision appealed to the people of the region? (5)

c) What are the causes of soil degradation? (5)

d) Describe any three methods of soil conservation. (5)

e) State and describe key features of Indian constitution. (5)

f) How does the Parliament function? (5)

6. On the political map of India, locate and label the following: (1x5=5)

a) The nuclear power plant in Maharashtra.

b) Gold deposits in Karnataka.

c) The leading producer of petroleum in Assam.

d) Geothermal plant in Ladakh.

e) The Bhakra Nangal hydel power.