

**CLASS IX - ANNUAL EXAMINATION**

**HISTORY & CIVICS**

**H.C.G. - Paper – 1**

*(Two Hours)*

*Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.*

*You will **not** be allowed to write during the first 15 minutes.*

*This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.*

*The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.*

*Attempt **all** questions from **Part I** (Compulsory). A total of **five** questions are to be attempted from **Part II**, **two** out of **three** questions from **Section A** and **three** out of **five** questions from **Section B**.*

*The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [ ].*

**PART I (30 Marks)**

*Attempt **all** questions from this Part*

**Question 1**

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| (a) Define the term <i>Constitution</i> .                                | [1] |
| (b) What is meant by <i>Universal Adult Franchise</i> ?                  | [1] |
| (c) What is <i>Directive Principles of State Policy</i> ?                | [1] |
| (d) Write <i>any one</i> Fundamental Duty of an Indian citizen.          | [1] |
| (e) What is known as ' <i>General Elections</i> '?                       | [1] |
| (f) Name the system of election to the office of the President of India. | [1] |
| (g) Who appoints the <i>Election Commissioners</i> ?                     | [1] |
| (h) Name the <i>three-tier</i> system of the <i>Panchayati Raj</i> .     | [1] |
| (i) Mention any one function of <i>Zila Parishad</i> .                   | [1] |
| (j) What is a <i>Municipal Committee</i> ?                               | [1] |

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**Question 2**

- (a) State *any two* features of urban town planning in the Harappan Civilizations. [2]
- (b) What are the Jatakas? [2]
- (c) Name the oldest Veda *composed* during early Vedic period. [2]  
What does it contain?
- (d) Define 'Megaliths'. [2]
- (e) Who wrote *Arthashastra*? What is it about? [2]
- (f) Name the Chola ruler who adopted the title '*Gangaikonda*'. [2]  
State the purpose of such a title.
- (g) State *any two* steps that Alauddin Khilji took to establish control over the [2]  
markets.
- (h) In what way did Gupta period make progress in the field of Education. [2]
- (i) Mention any two works of William Shakespeare. [2]
- (j) Define *Industrial Revolution*? [2]

**PART II (50 Marks)**

**SECTION A**

*Attempt any two questions from this Section*

**Question 3**

With reference to the Indian Constitution and its salient features answer the following:

- (a) Why was 26<sup>th</sup> January chosen as the date for the enforcement of the Indian [3]  
Constitution?
- (b) Explain the meaning of '*Single Citizenship*' and state the reason why it has been [3]  
incorporated in the Indian Constitution.
- (c) What is '*Welfare State*'. [4]

## Question 4

In the context of Elections, answer the following:

- (a) State the meaning of 'Mid-term Election'. [3]
- (b) Explain what is meant by *Indirect* elections. [3]
- (c) What do you understand by the term '*By-elections*'? [4]

## Question 5

With reference to Local Self Government in India, answer the following:

- (a) What is *Gram Panchayat*? State any two functions of the *Gram Panchayat*. [3]
- (b) List any three functions of Panchayat Samiti. [3]
- (c) What is a Municipal Corporation? [4]

## SECTION B

Attempt any **three** questions from this Section.

## Question 6

In the context of the Harappan Civilization and the Vedic Age, answer the following:

- (a) State any three valuable pieces of information that the *Seals* provide about the Harappan Civilization. [3]
- (b) Explain briefly the importance of *Epics* in the Vedic period. [3]
- (c) Differentiate between the *Early Vedic Age* and the *Later Vedic Age* with reference to its *Economy*. [4]

**Question 7**

With reference to the rise of Jainism, Buddhism and the Mauryan Empire answer the following:

- (a) State *any three* causes that led to the rise of Jainism and Buddhism in the 6th century B.C. in India. [3]
- (b) State *any three* features of Ashoka's Dhamma. [3]
- (c) Explain *any four* features of the central government under the Mauryan administration. [4]

**Question 8**

In the context of the Mughal Empire and the growth of a composite culture in medieval India answer the following:

- (a)  [3]

- (i) Identify the outstanding monument in the picture above.
- (ii) Where is it located?
- (iii) Name the Mughal Emperor who built it.

- (b) State *any three* features of Emperor Akbar's *Mansabdari* system. [3]

- (c) Explain the significance of Bhakti movement on Indian culture. [4]

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Question 9

Several factors interplayed to bring about the Renaissance in Europe.

In the above context, answer the following:

- (a) How did the *capture of Constantinople* lead to the Renaissance? [3]
- (b) How did the Printing Press bring about a new awakening in Europe? [3]
- (c) Explain *any two* contributions of Copernicus that challenged the belief in the field of Science. [4]

Question 10

With reference to the Reformation Movement in Europe answer the following:

- (a) What was meant by 'Sale of Indulgences'? [3]
- (b) State *any three* contributions of Martin Luther. [3]
- (c) Define '*Counter Reformation*'. [4]