



# GURUKUL INTERNATIONAL SR. SEC. SCHOOL

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## PERIODIC TEST 1 (APRIL, 2023)

### SUBJECT – SOCIAL SCIENCE

#### GRADE-VIII

**TIME: 90 MINS**

**MAX. MARKS: 40**

#### **General Instructions:**

- A. Read questions carefully**
- B. Draw the margin on the right side.**
- C. Attempt paper neatly.**

#### **SECTION-A**

**(7 marks)**

**Q1. Answer the following question in one word:**

**(1x5=5)**

- i) In which three periods did James Mill divide Indian history?
- ii) When was the first English factory set up in India?
- iii) In which city is the National Archives of India located?
- iv) When did Vasco da Gama discover the sea route to India?
- v) Who was the first Governor-General of India?

**Q2. State whether the statements are correct/incorrect, if incorrect, rewrite the correct statements.**

**(1x2=2)**

- i) Farman of 1717 exempted the British company from paying custom duties in Bengal.

ii) Ubiquitous Resources are only found in certain places like swift flowing river and deposits of coal.

**SECTION-B**

**(6 marks)**

**Q3. Answer the following questions in 20-30 words.**

**(2x3=6)**

- i) Mention the factors on which the productivity of resources depend.
- ii) What were the two farmans that helped Britishers to establish in India?
- iii) What do you understand about the concept "Rule of Law"?

**SECTION-C**

**(9 marks)**

**Q4. Answer the following questions in 50-70 words: (3x3=9)**

- i) What was the Subsidiary Alliance?
- ii) Write a brief note on the "Separation of Powers".
- iii) Write three differences between biotic and abiotic resources.

**SECTION-D**

**(8 marks)**

**Q5. Read the passage carefully and answer the following case-based questions:**

**(2x2=4)**

Humans are the most important resource. In fact, no substance in nature is a resource all by itself. It has to be put to use by us and only then it acquires resource value.

Thus, resources are created by human effort, increased by the application of human knowledge and intelligence. Economic development of a region or a country depends to a great extent on its human resources. For example, northeastern USA and western Europe are densely populated and people in

these regions are highly skilled and efficient. Therefore, they are very prosperous. On the other hand, the Amazon Basin or some African countries like Ethiopia and Somalia are developing countries as they are either thinly populated or their people do not have much access to modern technology.

**i)** A country with a low literacy rate is seeking to improve the education and skills of its population. What steps could it take to achieve this goal?

**ii)** A region with a highly skilled workforce is experiencing a brain drain as its workers seek opportunities in other countries. What policies could be implemented to retain these workers and promote economic development in the region?

**Q6. Read the passage carefully and answer the following case-based questions: (2x2=4)**

The Indian Constitution derives its concept of Fundamental Rights from the Constitution of the United States of America. These rights ensure the idea of secularism, socialism, right to freedom of religion, culture and education, right to equality, right to constitutional remedies and right against exploitation for all the citizens. The Directive Principles of State Policy adopted from the Irish Constitution are based on the concept of welfare state. They are considered the basis of good governance and, therefore, serve as guidelines which should be kept in mind by the government while framing its policies.

**i)** A citizen is claiming that they have been discriminated against by a government agency. What Fundamental Rights could they use to challenge this discrimination?

**ii)** A marginalized community is protesting the government's failure to address issues related to their rights and welfare. What role do the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy play in addressing their concerns?

**SECTION-E**

**(5 marks)**

**Q7. Answer the following questions in 80-100 words: (1x5=5)**

i) Explain the key features of the Preamble.

**SECTION-F**

**(5 marks)**

**Q8. a)** On the outline of the map of India mark three metallic and non-metallic reserves of India. **(1x3=3)**

**b)** On the outline of the map of India mark two states that were not annexed by the British East India Company. **(1x2=2)**