

**Session 2023-24**

**Question Paper**

**Class 10**

**Subject- Social Science (Only Question Paper)**

**Time: 3 hours 15 minutes**

**Total Marks 70**

**General Instructions -**

- 1. All questions are compulsory.**
- 2. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.**
- 3. This question paper is divided into two sections 'A' and 'B'. Section 'A' contains multiple choice questions of 20 marks whose answers are to be given on the OMR sheet.**
- 4. After marking the answers on the OMR sheet, do not cut it and do not use eraser or whitener etc.**
- 5. Section 'B' is of 50 marks. There are two questions related to descriptive - 1, descriptive - 2 and map. Marks are indicated against each question.**
- 6. It is necessary to attach the given map firmly in the answer book.**
- 7. For visually impaired candidates, separate questions have been given to write, instead of map work.**

**Section A**

**20 marks**

**Multiple Choice Questions**

1. In which country did nationalism first emerge? 1  
(a) Germany (b) France  
(c) Italy (d) Britain
2. Whom did Duke Metternich consider as the most dangerous enemy of the social system? 1  
(a) Rousseau (b) Victor Emmanuel  
(c) Calvin (d) Giuseppe Mazzini
3. Who laid the outline of the cotton textile mill? 1  
(a) John Wright (b) Richard Arkwright  
(c) Andrew Carnegie (d) James Watt
4. The price of wheat in India fell by 50 percent between 1928 and 1934. The reason for this was that in the international market 1  
(a) prices were falling (b) prices were rising  
(c) Price were stable (d) none of these
5. Which was the first book published by Gutenberg in 1448 AD? 1  
(a) Jane Eyer (b) Ramona  
(c) What Katie Did (d) Bible
6. Who elects the Community Government in Belgium? 1  
(a) People speaking the same language  
(b) People speaking all languages

- (c) People who speak only German language  
(d) all of the above
7. Which of the following characteristics is **not** related to the Federal Government? 1  
 (a) Rigid and written constitution  
 (b) Centralization of powers  
 (d) Division of powers between the Union and the states  
 (e) Supreme Court
8. Which of the following is **not** a reason for promoting gender inequality? 1  
 (a) Gender division of labour  
 (b) biological structure  
 (c) patriarchal society  
 (d) Lack of literacy rate among women
9. The problem of communalism starts when- 1  
 (a) Religion is considered the basis of the nation.  
 (b) Religion is separated from the nation.  
 (c) All religions are considered equally.  
 (d) Only a few religions are given priority
10. Which of the following is not a subject in the **union** List- 1  
 (a) Defence  
 (b) Currency  
 (c) Education  
 (d) Foreign affairs
11. Which of the following is the main reason for land shrinkage in Punjab? 1  
 (a) Intensive farming  
 (b) more irrigation  
 (c) deforestation  
 (d) Overgrazing
12. Match the following and select the correct option. 1  
 A Bhakra Nangal — (1) Narmada  
 B Hirakund — (2) Bhagirathi  
 C Sardar Sarovar — (3) Satluj  
 D Tehri — (4) Mahanadi
- Option-
- a) A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1  
 b) A-1, B-3, C-2, D-4  
 c) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2  
 d) A-4, B-1, C-3, D-2
13. Which of the following is a primary sector activity? 1  
 (1) Fishing (2) agriculture (3) making jaggery (4) dairy

Option-

- (a) Only (1)                      (b) (1) and (3)  
(c) (1), (2) and (4)            (d) (2) and (4)

14. On what basis are public and private sectors classified? 1  
(a) Employment  
(b) Economic activity  
(c) Ownership of the enterprise  
(d) Number of workers
15. What is meant by soil erosion? 1  
(a) Land being infertile            (b) land becoming marshy  
(c) Land being fertile              (d) Planned use of land
16. Crocodile, Rhinoceros and black buck belong to which species? 1  
(a) Common species              (b) endangered species  
(c) A and B                          (d) all of the above
17. Which of the following is not a characteristic of trade barriers? 1  
(a) The government can use trade barriers to regulate foreign trade.  
(b) The government can decide what type of goods can be imported into the country and in what quantity.  
(c) World Trade Organization promotes trade barriers.  
(d) Most countries use trade barriers to protect their domestic industry.
18. Which is the most suitable development goal for landless rural labourers? 1  
(a) Providing higher support price for produce  
(b) Resettling their children abroad  
(c) Pay more wages  
(d) Neither of the above.
19. Which of the following is not a source of conventional energy? 1  
(a) Coal                              (b) geothermal energy  
(c) Both a and b                  (d) none of the above
20. What effect did globalization have on the investment of multinational companies? 1  
(a) Investment of multinational companies increased.  
(b) Most of India's foreign trade was controlled by multinational companies.  
(c) The economic condition of the people became stronger with the arrival of multinational companies.  
(d) All of the above.

**Section 'B'**

**Total Mark: 50**

**Descriptive-I (Answer in about 80 words.)**

- (1) Write two reasons for the Great Depression that occurred after the First World War.

2+2

- Or
- Explain two effects of the Great Depression between 1928 and 1934 on the Indian economy 2+2
- (2) "Power sharing is the soul of democracy." Justify this statement with reasons. 4

- Or
- In the present perspective, explain the statement "caste in politics and politics in caste". 4
- (3) 'Energy is a basic requirement for economic development. Write any two reasons for this. 2+2

- Or
- Why are means of transportation and communication considered the lifeline of any country? Write two reasons. 2+2
- (4) How do multinational companies manage to keep the production cost of their products low? Mention any two. 2+2

- Or
- Mention any two characteristics of a good market. 2+2

**Descriptive-2 (Answer in about 150 words)**

- (5) Why did Mahatma Gandhi start the non-cooperation movement? Write any two reasons. Why did he postpone it? 2+2+2

- Or
- What is the meaning of Satyagraha? Describe any two Satyagraha movements launched by Mahatma Gandhi. 2+2+2

- (6) Why are political parties needed in democracy? Describe any four of their works. 2+1+1+1+1

- Or
- Does democracy provide a system of accountable, transparent and legitimate governance? Explain this statement. 2+2+2

- (7) What is the meaning of soil erosion? Describe two effects of soil erosion on land. 2+2+2

- Or
- Mention the coarse grains found in India. What measures can be taken to increase their production? Mention any two measures. 2+2+2

- (8) Write three reasons for 'workers in the unorganized sector being the victims of social discrimination'. 2+2+2

- Or
- What is Human Development Index? Describe the main components used to measure human development. 2+4

**(Map related question)**

- (9) Show the following places with their names by (•) symbol in the outline map of India. ½+ ½ marks are prescribed for correct name and correct marking.

- (a) The city where Jallianwala Bagh incident took place. 1/2+1/2

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| (b) The place where Gandhiji first broke the salt law.                                     | 1/2+1/2 |
| (c) The place where the farmers cultivating indigo protested.                              | 1/2+1/2 |
| (d) The place where cotton mill workers carried out Satyagraha.                            | 1/2+1/2 |
| (e) The place where the session of the Indian National Congress was held in December 1920. | 1/2+1/2 |





**(As an alternative to map work for only visually impaired candidates)**

**Instructions: - Write the answers to the following questions in your answer sheet.  
Don't use the map.**

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| (i) In which city did the Jallianwala Bagh massacre take place?                            | 1 |
| (ii) At which place did Gandhiji break the salt law?                                       | 1 |
| (iii) From which place did the farmers cultivating indigo start the movement?              | 1 |
| (iv) Where did the cotton mill workers perform Satyagraha?                                 | 1 |
| (v) At which place was the session of the Indian National Congress held in December, 1920? | 1 |

### Map Work

**(10) Instructions: Show the following in the given map of India —**

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| (1) A National Park of West Bengal with its name by <input type="text"/> symbol.  | 1/2+1/2 |
| (ii) Name of the dam built on Narmada River with  symbol.        | 1/2+1/2 |
| (iii) With name by Mahanadi  symbol.                             | 1/2+1/2 |
| (iv) One coal field of Jharkhand with its name through  symbol.  | 1/2+1/2 |
| (v) A port situated on the east coast of India named by  symbol. | 1/2+1/2 |

**(As an alternative to map work only for visually impaired candidates)**

**Instructions:** Write the answers to the following questions in your answer sheet. Don't use the map.

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|---|---|
| (i) Name a national park of West Bengal.                          | 1 |
| (ii) Write the name of the dam built on Narmada River.            | 1 |
| (iii) Write the name of a river of North India.                   | 1 |
| (iv) Write the name of a coal mine of Jharkhand province.         | 1 |
| (v) Write the name of a port situated on the east coast of India. | 1 |