

# COMMON HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION - 2025

## Standard VIII SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Marks : 100  
14 x 1 = 14

Time : 2.30 hrs

### I. Choose the correct answer:

1. In 1453 constantinople was captured by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) The French      b) The Turks      c) The Dutch      d) The British
2. What was the Mahal in the Mahalwari System?  
a) House      b) Land      c) Village      d) Palace
3. When did UNESCO declare Nalanda as a world heritage site?  
a) 2006      b) 2007      c) 2008      d) 2009
4. The wollen and leather factories became prominent in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Bombay      b) Ahmadabad      c) Kanpur      d) Dacca
5. Fort. St. George was constructed by the British in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Bombay      b) Cuddalore      c) Madras      d) Calcutta
6. Which of the following is known as sphere of rocks?  
a) Atmosphere      b) Biosphere      c) Lithosphere      d) Hydrosphere
7. The percentage of fresh water on the earth is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 71%      b) 97.20%      c) 2.80%      d) 0.60%
8. Amul dairy Industry is best example of \_\_\_\_\_ types.  
a) Private Sector      b) Public Sector      c) Co-operative Sector      d) Joint sector
9. The Southern most tip of Africa is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Cape Blanca      b) Cape Agulhas      c) Cape of Hope      d) Cape Town
10. The word Tsunami is derived from \_\_\_\_\_ language.  
a) Hindi      b) French      c) Japanese      d) German
11. The age of retirement of the Judges of the High Court is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) 62      b) 64      c) 65      d) 58
12. Who is called the first citizen of India?  
a) The Prime Minister      b) The President  
c) The Chief Minister      d) The Chief Justice of India
13. India is a land of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Multi-religious faith      b) Multi-cultural faith  
c) Both (a) & (b)      d) None of these
14. Who designed the symbol (₹) of Indian rupee?  
a) Udayakumar      b) Amartya Sen      c) Abijith Banerji      d) None of these

### II. Match the following.

10 x 1 = 10

15. i) The British - Private sector  
ii) Bombay - Flightless bird  
iii) Jhansi - Plutonic rock  
iv) Bajaj Auto - Nominal Head  
v) Ostrich - Lack of belief in God  
vi) Granite - Exchanged goods for goods  
vii) Governor - Tax Evaders  
viii) Atheism - Lakshmi Bai  
ix) Barter System - Seven Island  
x) Black money - 1600



## III. Fill in the blanks.

10 x 1 = 10

16. The French East India Company was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The Treaty of Alinagar was signed in \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Daughters as well as sons of priestly and warrior classes had access to education in \_\_\_\_\_ India.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ rightly regarded as the Father of Local Self-Government in India.
20. The "Skin of Earth" is \_\_\_\_\_.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the condition of Atmosphere for a short period of time..
22. Atlas Mountain is located in \_\_\_\_\_ continent.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ states are there in India at Present.
24. Religion does not teach us \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Online Banking is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. True / False.

6 x 1 = 6

26. Auto biography is one of the written sources.
27. Fort William is in Madras.
28. Igneous rocks are called primary rocks.
29. Slums are generally found in cities.
30. Chief Minister is the Chief Administ.
31. USA has single citizenship.

## V. Give short answers. (Any 10 questions)

10 x 2 = 20

32. Mention the trading centres of the English in India.
33. What do you know about the Palayakarars? Name some of them.
34. What do you know about Nalanda University?
35. Name the three Presidency cities.
36. State the types of soils.
37. What is insolation?
38. Why Africa is called a "Mother Continent"?
39. Distinguish between the following:  
Agro based and Marine based Industries.
40. Name the two houses of the State legislature.
41. Mention any three qualities of good citizen.
42. Name some of the Indians who contributed to the spreading of secularism.
43. Who prints and issues paper currencies in India?

## VI. Answer the following questions in detail. (Any 6 questions)

6 x 5 = 30

44. Give an account of the sources of Modern India.
45. Describe the policy adopted by Lord Dalhousie to expand the British empire in India.
46. Describe Colonial urban development.
47. Explain the process of soil formation.
48. Explain in detail the various causes of migration.
49. Classify and explain the industries based on the source of raw materials.
50. Discuss the powers and functions of the Chief Minister.
51. Distinguish between Human rights and Civil rights.
52. Why we need secular education?
53. What are the disadvantages of the Barter system?

## VII. Mark the following places on the India Map.

5 x 1 = 5

54. 1) Delhi 2) Madras 3) Bombay 4) Indian Ocean. 5) Agra

## VIII. Mark the following places in a world outline Map.

5 x 1 = 5

55. 1) India 2) Asia 3) Tropic of Capricorn 4) Pacific Ocean 5) Japan