



**DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
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**HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION (2017-18)**

Class:- VIII  
Time- 3 Hrs.

Subject:- Social Science  
F. M:- 80

**HISTORY**

1. Very short answer questions:- [1x7 =7]
  - a. What does the term "Bewar" refer to?
  - b. Who lead the revolt of 1857 in Awadh?
  - c. Who was responsible for collecting the revenue under Mahalwari system?
  - d. Which place of worship was converted into a bakery by the British after the revolt of 1857?
  - e. Define the term de-urbanization. Give an example.
  - f. How did the company purchase goods in India before 1865?
  - g. Who was the first Governor General of India in 1773?
2. Write short answers for the following:- [3 x 2 = 6]
  - a. How did the trading companies eliminate competition amongst themselves?
  - b. Write a short note on the Ryoti system of cultivation.
3. Long answer questions:- [5 x 3 = 15]
  - a. What were the main features of the tribal societies? How did the powers of the Tribal chiefs change under the colonial rule? [3+2=5]
  - b. What was the impact of the revolt of 1857 on the British policies?
  - c. Give five differences between New Delhi and Shahjahanabad.

**CIVICS**

1. Very short answers:- [1 x 5 = 5]
  - a. What are the objectives for implementing the fundamental rights according to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar?
  - b. What is the purpose of a Constitution?
  - c. Why is it important to separate religion from a State? Give two reasons.
  - d. Why is the representative form of democracy considered a preferred form of government?
  - e. What do you mean by the term 'coalition'?
2. Short answer questions:- [3 x 3 = 9]
  - a. What is the importance of opposition in a democracy? (Give 3 reasons).
  - b. What is the rule of law? State two reasons why historians refute the claim that the British introduced the rule of law in India. [1+2=3]
  - c. Why is the Supreme Court called the guardian of the constitution? Cite an example to support your answer.

3. Long Answer questions:-

[5 x 2 = 10]

- a. How do new laws come about? What is the role of people in the creation of the new laws? Explain with suitable examples. [1+2+2=5]
- b. How is independence of judiciary maintained?

### GEOGRAPHY

1. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence:

[1X3=3]

- a. What is sustainable development?
- b. Which are the two main climatic factors responsible for soil formation?
- c. What is an ore?

2. Give reasons.

[1X3=3]

- a. Human beings are a special resource.
- b. Ganga-Brahmaputra plain of India is an overpopulated region.
- c. Petroleum is referred to as “black gold”.

3. Answer the following questions in short:

[3X3=9]

- a. Differentiate between potential and actual resources. Give three points of each.
- b. Why is conservation of plants and wildlife necessary? Give three reasons.
- c. “Power or energy plays a vital role in our lives”. Justify this statement. Give three points

4. Answer the following questions in detail:

[5X2=10]

- a. What is a landslide? Explain any four mitigation techniques of landslide. [1+4=5]
- b. (i) Distinguish between metallic and non-metallic minerals. Give two points of each.  
(ii) Why is conservation of minerals necessary? Give three reasons. [2+3=5]

5. Locate and label the following items on the given political outline map of India:

[1X3=3]

- a. Kudremukh- An Iron ore mine.
- b. Jharia- A coal producing area.
- c. Kolar- A gold producing area.