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Sample Paper 1 - Questions

34 questions | 80 marks | 2026-27

Time: 3 hours. Answer all questions and subparts unless a choice is stated. Marks are shown on the right. Write answers on separate sheets. Independently prepared practice paper.

Section A - Objective questions

1. Which concept best explains the following situation? Workers receive documented terms and legally required employment benefits. (A) Civil disobedience (B) Decentralisation (C) Organised sector (D) Land degradation — **1**

2. Which concept best explains the following situation? A firm's supply chain links producers and markets in several countries. (A) Globalisation (B) Civil disobedience (C) Land degradation (D) Decentralisation — **1**

3. Which concept best explains the following situation? A bank provides a documented loan with stated interest and repayment terms. (A) Formal credit (B) Decentralisation (C) Land degradation (D) Civil disobedience — **1**

4. Which concept best explains the following situation? Some workers can leave an overcrowded family farm without reducing total output. (A) Decentralisation (B) Disguised unemployment (C) Land degradation (D) Civil disobedience — **1**

5. Which concept best explains the following situation? Two regions with equal totals can have different averages if population differs. (A) Land degradation (B) Decentralisation (C) Civil disobedience (D) Per-capita income — **1**

6. Which concept best explains the following situation? Elected representatives answer questions about the use of public money. 1
(A) Decentralisation (B) Land degradation (C) Accountability (D) Civil disobedience

7. Which concept best explains the following situation? Candidates campaign under a common programme and organisation. 1
(A) Land degradation (B) Decentralisation (C) Political party (D) Civil disobedience

8. Which concept best explains the following situation? Local elected bodies make decisions on specified community services. 1
(A) Political party (B) Land degradation (C) Civil disobedience (D) Decentralisation

9. Which concept best explains the following situation? Legislature, executive and judiciary check and balance one another. 1
(A) Land degradation (B) Civil disobedience (C) Political party (D) Horizontal power sharing

10. Which concept best explains the following situation? Union and state governments exercise powers in assigned spheres. 1
(A) Civil disobedience (B) Land degradation (C) Federalism (D) Political party

11. Which concept best explains the following situation? A factory turns cotton fibre into textiles. 1
(A) Land degradation (B) Political party (C) Civil disobedience (D) Manufacturing

12. Which concept best explains the following situation? A densely populated farming region cultivates rice intensively. 1
(A) Intensive subsistence farming (B) Political party (C) Civil disobedience (D) Land degradation

13. Which concept best explains the following situation? Rooftop runoff is directed into a storage tank or recharge structure. 1
(A) Civil disobedience (B) Rainwater harvesting (C) Political party (D) Land degradation

14. Which concept best explains the following situation? Unregulated mining damages vegetation and topsoil. 1
(A) Rainwater harvesting (B) Civil disobedience (C) Land degradation (D) Political party

15. Which concept best explains the following situation? A resource plan considers economic benefits alongside long-term ecological effects. 1
(A) Civil disobedience (B) Rainwater harvesting (C) Sustainable development (D) Political party

16. Which concept best explains the following situation? Machine-based production alters employment, markets and patterns of work. 1
(A) Industrialisation (B) Civil disobedience (C) Rainwater harvesting (D) Political party

17. Which concept best explains the following situation? Newspapers and pamphlets allow political arguments to reach wider audiences. 1
(A) Rainwater harvesting (B) Civil disobedience (C) Political party (D) Print culture

18. Which concept best explains the following situation? Symbols and public mobilisation help people imagine a common political community. 1
(A) Nationalism (B) Political party (C) Rainwater harvesting (D) Civil disobedience

19. Which concept best explains the following situation? Participants boycott specified colonial institutions and foreign cloth. 1
(A) Rainwater harvesting (B) Civil disobedience (C) Political party (D) Non-cooperation

20. Which concept best explains the following situation? Marchers challenge the colonial salt monopoly by making salt. 1
(A) Non-cooperation (B) Civil disobedience (C) Rainwater harvesting (D) Political party

Section B - Short responses

21. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Workers receive documented terms and legally required employment benefits. Give a further suitable illustration. **3**

22. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: A firm's supply chain links producers and markets in several countries. Give a further suitable illustration. **3**

23. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: A bank provides a documented loan with stated interest and repayment terms. Give a further suitable illustration. **3**

24. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Some workers can leave an overcrowded family farm without reducing total output. Give a further suitable illustration. **3**

Section C - Short responses

25. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Two regions with equal totals can have different averages if population differs. Give a further suitable illustration. **4**

26. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Elected representatives answer questions about the use of public money. Give a further suitable illustration. **4**

27. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Candidates campaign under a common programme and organisation. Give a further suitable illustration. **4**

28. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Local elected bodies make decisions on specified community services. Give a further suitable illustration. **4**

29. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Legislature, executive and judiciary check and balance one another. Give a further suitable illustration. 4

30. Identify and explain the concept illustrated here: Union and state governments exercise powers in assigned spheres. Give a further suitable illustration. 4

Section D - Extended responses

31. (a) Analyse Organised sector with reference to this application: Workers receive documented terms and legally required employment benefits.
(b) Explain Non-cooperation with a different relevant example. Develop the reasoning behind both parts. 6

32. (a) Analyse Federalism with reference to this application: Union and state governments exercise powers in assigned spheres.
(b) Explain Decentralisation with a different relevant example. Develop the reasoning behind both parts. 6

33. (a) Analyse Land degradation with reference to this application: Unregulated mining damages vegetation and topsoil.
(b) Explain Intensive subsistence farming with a different relevant example. Develop the reasoning behind both parts. 6

34. (a) Analyse Civil disobedience with reference to this application: Marchers challenge the colonial salt monopoly by making salt.
(b) Explain Nationalism with a different relevant example. Develop the reasoning behind both parts. 6

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