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Sample Paper 2 - 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. Select the term described below. The movement and interaction of lithospheric plates helps explain major geological processes. **1**
(A) Harappan urbanism (B) Opportunity cost (C) Plate tectonics (D) Weathering

2. Select the term described below. Rock breaks down in place through physical, chemical or biological processes. **1**
(A) Opportunity cost (B) Weathering (C) Plate tectonics (D) Harappan urbanism

3. Select the term described below. Moving agents remove and transport weathered material. **1**
(A) Plate tectonics (B) Harappan urbanism (C) Opportunity cost (D) Erosion

4. Select the term described below. A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India. **1**
(A) Harappan urbanism (B) Opportunity cost (C) Plate tectonics (D) Monsoon

5. Select the term described below. Greenhouse-gas emissions associated with an activity can be expressed in carbon-dioxide equivalents. **1**
(A) Carbon footprint (B) Plate tectonics (C) Opportunity cost (D) Harappan urbanism

6. Select the term described below. Material remains are studied to reconstruct aspects of past human life. 1
(A) Opportunity cost (B) Plate tectonics (C) Archaeology (D) Harappan urbanism

7. Select the term described below. The development of cultivation and animal domestication supported new settlement patterns. 1
(A) Neolithic transition (B) Plate tectonics (C) Opportunity cost (D) Harappan urbanism

8. Select the term described below. Planned settlements, drainage, crafts and exchange reveal complex urban organisation. 1
(A) Opportunity cost (B) Plate tectonics (C) Neolithic transition (D) Harappan urbanism

9. Select the term described below. An association of traders or craft producers can coordinate economic activities. 1
(A) Opportunity cost (B) Plate tectonics (C) Neolithic transition (D) Trade guild

10. Select the term described below. Public participation, political equality and accountable government are central democratic principles. 1
(A) Plate tectonics (B) Opportunity cost (C) Democracy (D) Neolithic transition

11. Select the term described below. The executive is responsible to the legislature under the constitutional framework. 1
(A) Parliamentary government (B) Plate tectonics (C) Neolithic transition (D) Opportunity cost

12. Select the term described below. An official list identifies eligible voters for an electoral area. 1
(A) Electoral roll (B) Neolithic transition (C) Plate tectonics (D) Opportunity cost

13. Select the term described below. Electoral constituency boundaries are defined or adjusted through an authorised process. 1
(A) Delimitation (B) Plate tectonics (C) Opportunity cost (D) Neolithic transition

14. Select the term described below. The benefit of the next-best alternative forgone is the cost of a choice. 1
(A) Opportunity cost (B) Plate tectonics (C) Neolithic transition (D) Delimitation

15. Select the term described below. Quantity demanded equals quantity supplied at the equilibrium price under the model's assumptions. 1
(A) Neolithic transition (B) Plate tectonics (C) Delimitation (D) Market equilibrium

16. Select the term described below. A pure public good is non-rival and non-excludable. 1
(A) Plate tectonics (B) Neolithic transition (C) Delimitation (D) Public good

17. Select the term described below. People identify opportunities and organise resources to create value while facing uncertainty. 1
(A) Neolithic transition (B) Entrepreneurship (C) Delimitation (D) Plate tectonics

18. Select the term described below. Interest is calculated on principal plus accumulated interest at the compounding dates. 1
(A) Delimitation (B) Compound interest (C) Neolithic transition (D) Plate tectonics

19. Select the term described below. A plan compares expected income, expenditure and saving over a period. 1
(A) Plate tectonics (B) Budget (C) Delimitation (D) Neolithic transition

20. Select the term described below. A designated area combines conservation with appropriate research, learning and sustainable use arrangements. 1
(A) Plate tectonics (B) Biosphere reserve (C) Delimitation (D) Neolithic transition

Section B - Short responses

21. Define Plate tectonics and illustrate it with a relevant example. 3

22. Define Weathering and illustrate it with a relevant example. 3

23. Define Erosion and illustrate it with a relevant example. 3

24. Define Monsoon and illustrate it with a relevant example. 3

Section C - Short responses

25. Define Carbon footprint and illustrate it with a relevant example. 4

26. Define Archaeology and illustrate it with a relevant example. 4

27. Define Neolithic transition and illustrate it with a relevant example. 4

28. Define Harappan urbanism and illustrate it with a relevant example. 4

29. Define Trade guild and illustrate it with a relevant example. 4

30. Define Democracy and illustrate it with a relevant example. 4

Section D - Extended responses

31. Explain three features that help distinguish a democratic political system from a system in which rulers face no public accountability. 6

32. What is an electoral roll? Give two reasons why its accuracy matters for a fair election. 6

33. Suppose demand for umbrellas rises during heavy rain while supply initially remains unchanged. Explain the likely initial effect on shortage and market price, other things equal. 6

34. Explain how a simple household budget can help a family distinguish needs from wants and plan savings. Include a numerical example. 6

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