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Social Science

Sample Paper 3 - 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 statement correctly describes Public good? **1**

(A) A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India.

(B) Greenhouse-gas emissions associated with an activity can be expressed in carbon-dioxide equivalents.

(C) Public participation, political equality and accountable government are central democratic principles.

(D) A pure public good is non-rival and non-excludable.

2. Identify the term described by this statement: The development of cultivation and animal domestication supported new settlement patterns. **1**

(A) Carbon footprint

(B) Neolithic transition

(C) Entrepreneurship

(D) Trade guild

3. Identify the term described by this statement: A plan compares expected income, expenditure and saving over a period. **1**

(A) Archaeology

(B) Budget

(C) Neolithic transition

(D) Democracy

4. Identify the term described by this statement: An official list identifies eligible voters for an electoral area. **1**

(A) Carbon footprint
(B) Archaeology
(C) Electoral roll
(D) Public good

5. Which statement correctly describes Entrepreneurship? **1**

(A) People identify opportunities and organise resources to create value while facing uncertainty.
(B) The development of cultivation and animal domestication supported new settlement patterns.
(C) The movement and interaction of lithospheric plates helps explain major geological processes.
(D) Interest is calculated on principal plus accumulated interest at the compounding dates.

6. Identify the term described by this statement: A designated area combines conservation with appropriate research, learning and sustainable use arrangements. **1**

(A) Neolithic transition
(B) Monsoon
(C) Biosphere reserve
(D) Harappan urbanism

7. Which statement correctly describes Archaeology? **1**

(A) The executive is responsible to the legislature under the constitutional framework.
(B) Material remains are studied to reconstruct aspects of past human life.
(C) A pure public good is non-rival and non-excludable.
(D) Rock breaks down in place through physical, chemical or biological processes.

8. Which statement correctly describes Market equilibrium? **1**

(A) A pure public good is non-rival and non-excludable.

(B) People identify opportunities and organise resources to create value while facing uncertainty.

(C) Quantity demanded equals quantity supplied at the equilibrium price under the model's assumptions.

(D) A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India.

9. Identify the term described by this statement: The movement and interaction of lithospheric plates helps explain major geological processes. **1**

(A) Budget

(B) Monsoon

(C) Carbon footprint

(D) Plate tectonics

10. Which statement correctly describes Weathering? **1**

(A) A plan compares expected income, expenditure and saving over a period.

(B) Rock breaks down in place through physical, chemical or biological processes.

(C) A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India.

(D) Public participation, political equality and accountable government are central democratic principles.

11. Identify the term described by this statement: The benefit of the next-best alternative forgone is the cost of a choice. **1**

(A) Opportunity cost

(B) Plate tectonics

(C) Entrepreneurship

(D) Biosphere reserve

12. Which statement correctly describes Delimitation? **1**

(A) Electoral constituency boundaries are defined or adjusted through an authorised process.

(B) Material remains are studied to reconstruct aspects of past human life.

(C) The development of cultivation and animal domestication supported new settlement patterns.

(D) The benefit of the next-best alternative forgone is the cost of a choice.

13. Which statement correctly describes Trade guild? **1**

(A) An association of traders or craft producers can coordinate economic activities.

(B) Electoral constituency boundaries are defined or adjusted through an authorised process.

(C) Material remains are studied to reconstruct aspects of past human life.

(D) Quantity demanded equals quantity supplied at the equilibrium price under the model's assumptions.

14. Identify the term described by this statement: A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India. **1**

(A) Archaeology

(B) Neolithic transition

(C) Monsoon

(D) Democracy

15. Which statement correctly describes Carbon footprint? **1**

(A) Greenhouse-gas emissions associated with an activity can be expressed in carbon-dioxide equivalents.

(B) Quantity demanded equals quantity supplied at the equilibrium price under the model's assumptions.

(C) People identify opportunities and organise resources to create value while facing uncertainty.

(D) The development of cultivation and animal domestication supported new settlement patterns.

16. Identify the term described by this statement: Planned settlements, drainage, crafts and exchange reveal complex urban organisation. 1
(A) Erosion
(B) Weathering
(C) Harappan urbanism
(D) Democracy

17. Identify the term described by this statement: The executive is responsible to the legislature under the constitutional framework. 1
(A) Biosphere reserve
(B) Parliamentary government
(C) Archaeology
(D) Weathering

18. Identify the term described by this statement: Interest is calculated on principal plus accumulated interest at the compounding dates. 1
(A) Compound interest
(B) Neolithic transition
(C) Opportunity cost
(D) Parliamentary government

19. Which statement correctly describes Democracy? 1
(A) An association of traders or craft producers can coordinate economic activities.
(B) Public participation, political equality and accountable government are central democratic principles.
(C) Moving agents remove and transport weathered material.
(D) A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India.

20. Identify the term described by this statement: Moving agents remove and transport weathered material. 1
(A) Public good
(B) Erosion
(C) Neolithic transition
(D) Delimitation

Section B - Short responses

21. Explain how the following example illustrates Harappan urbanism: Archaeologists study standardised bricks and street layouts at a settlement. **3**

22. Explain how the following example illustrates Market equilibrium: At a particular price, sellers' planned sales equal buyers' planned purchases. **3**

23. Compare Democracy and Weathering. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **3**

24. Explain how the following example illustrates Archaeology: Tools, pottery and settlement remains provide clues about early societies. **3**

Section C - Short responses

25. Compare Delimitation and Electoral roll. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **4**

26. Compare Weathering and Plate tectonics. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **4**

27. Explain how the following example illustrates Budget: A household allocates income among essentials, other spending and saving. **4**

28. Explain how the following example illustrates Carbon footprint: A school compares emissions linked to different transport arrangements. **4**

29. Explain how the following example illustrates Public good: One person's use of street lighting does not normally prevent others benefiting. **4**

30. Compare Neolithic transition and Archaeology. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **4**

Section D - Extended responses

31. (a) Explain Compound interest and analyse this application: A deposit earns interest in its second year on its first year's accumulated amount. **6**
(b) Explain Budget and show how this second application fits it: A household allocates income among essentials, other spending and saving.

32. (a) Explain Electoral roll and analyse this application: A newly eligible citizen checks that their name is listed before an election. **6**
(b) Explain Delimitation and show how this second application fits it: Boundary revision seeks appropriate representation as populations change.

33. (a) Explain Erosion and analyse this application: A river carries loose sediment away from an exposed bank. **6**
(b) Explain Plate tectonics and show how this second application fits it: A collision between continental plates can build mountains.

34. (a) Explain Opportunity cost and analyse this application: Time used for one project cannot simultaneously be used for another activity. **6**
(b) Explain Carbon footprint and show how this second application fits it: A school compares emissions linked to different transport arrangements.

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