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# Social Science

Sample Paper 5 - 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 is illustrated in this example? Time used for one project cannot simultaneously be used for another activity. **1**

(A) Trade guild
(B) Monsoon
(C) Opportunity cost
(D) Weathering

**2.** Which statement correctly describes Biosphere reserve? **1**

(A) People identify opportunities and organise resources to create value while facing uncertainty.
(B) A designated area combines conservation with appropriate research, learning and sustainable use arrangements.
(C) A pure public good is non-rival and non-excludable.
(D) An association of traders or craft producers can coordinate economic activities.

**3.** Which statement correctly describes Budget? **1**

(A) A plan compares expected income, expenditure and saving over a period.
(B) A pure public good is non-rival and non-excludable.
(C) Rock breaks down in place through physical, chemical or biological processes.
(D) People identify opportunities and organise resources to create value while facing uncertainty.

4. Which concept is illustrated in this example? Archaeologists study standardised bricks and street layouts at a settlement. 1
(A) Harappan urbanism
(B) Market equilibrium
(C) Carbon footprint
(D) Entrepreneurship

5. Which concept is illustrated in this example? One person's use of street lighting does not normally prevent others benefiting. 1
(A) Public good
(B) Carbon footprint
(C) Budget
(D) Delimitation

6. Which concept is illustrated in this example? The arrival and distribution of summer rain influence sowing decisions. 1
(A) Monsoon
(B) Democracy
(C) Public good
(D) Opportunity cost

7. Which statement correctly describes Weathering? 1
(A) Material remains are studied to reconstruct aspects of past human life.
(B) An association of traders or craft producers can coordinate economic activities.
(C) A seasonally changing wind system produces strongly seasonal rainfall over much of India.
(D) Rock breaks down in place through physical, chemical or biological processes.

8. Which statement correctly describes Delimitation? 1
(A) The executive is responsible to the legislature under the constitutional framework.
(B) The benefit of the next-best alternative forgone is the cost of a choice.
(C) Electoral constituency boundaries are defined or adjusted through an authorised process.
(D) The development of cultivation and animal domestication supported new settlement patterns.

**9.** Which statement correctly describes Democracy? 1

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

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

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

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

**10.** Which statement correctly describes Compound interest? 1

(A) Moving agents remove and transport weathered material.

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

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

(D) Interest is calculated on principal plus accumulated interest at the compounding dates.

**11.** Which statement correctly describes Plate tectonics? 1

(A) Moving agents remove and transport weathered material.

(B) Planned settlements, drainage, crafts and exchange reveal complex urban organisation.

(C) The movement and interaction of lithospheric plates helps explain major geological processes.

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

**12.** Which concept is illustrated in this example? Tools, pottery and settlement remains provide clues about early societies. 1

(A) Compound interest

(B) Trade guild

(C) Archaeology

(D) Erosion

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

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

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

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

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

**14.** Which concept is illustrated in this example? A community stores grain and spends longer periods in a settled village. **1**

(A) Entrepreneurship

(B) Plate tectonics

(C) Parliamentary government

(D) Neolithic transition

**15.** Which concept is illustrated in this example? At a particular price, sellers' planned sales equal buyers' planned purchases. **1**

(A) Harappan urbanism

(B) Parliamentary government

(C) Weathering

(D) Market equilibrium

**16.** Which concept is illustrated in this example? A school compares emissions linked to different transport arrangements. **1**

(A) Parliamentary government

(B) Carbon footprint

(C) Harappan urbanism

(D) Weathering

**17.** Which concept is illustrated in this example? A ministry needs the support required to remain accountable to the elected house. **1**

(A) Public good

(B) Delimitation

(C) Democracy

(D) Parliamentary government

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

(A) The executive is responsible to the legislature under the constitutional framework.

(B) Planned settlements, drainage, crafts and exchange reveal complex urban organisation.

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

(D) Moving agents remove and transport weathered material.

**19.** Which statement correctly describes Erosion? 1

(A) Moving agents remove and transport weathered material.

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

(C) The movement and interaction of lithospheric plates helps explain major geological processes.

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

**20.** Which concept is illustrated in this example? A newly eligible citizen checks that their name is listed before an election. 1

(A) Electoral roll

(B) Public good

(C) Entrepreneurship

(D) Archaeology

## Section B - Short responses

**21.** Compare Neolithic transition and Archaeology. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. 3

**22.** Compare Carbon footprint and Opportunity cost. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. 3

**23.** Use this situation to explain Biosphere reserve, connecting the definition to the details: A region protects ecosystems while considering surrounding communities and livelihoods. 3

**24.** Use this situation to explain Trade guild, connecting the definition to the details: Artisans organise shared rules and support for their occupation. **3**

## Section C - Short responses

**25.** Use this situation to explain Erosion, connecting the definition to the details: A river carries loose sediment away from an exposed bank. **4**

**26.** Compare Entrepreneurship and Trade guild. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **4**

**27.** Compare Market equilibrium and Parliamentary government. Give the meaning and an appropriate application of each. **4**

**28.** Use this situation to explain Budget, connecting the definition to the details: A household allocates income among essentials, other spending and saving. **4**

**29.** Use this situation to explain Weathering, connecting the definition to the details: Repeated heating and cooling can contribute to cracks in exposed rock. **4**

**30.** Use this situation to explain Plate tectonics, connecting the definition to the details: A collision between continental plates can build mountains. **4**

## Section D - Extended responses

**31.** (a) Explain Archaeology and analyse this application: Tools, pottery and settlement remains provide clues about early societies. **6**
(b) Explain Trade guild and show how this second application fits it: Artisans organise shared rules and support for their occupation.

**32.** (a) Explain Public good and analyse this application: One person's use of street lighting does not normally prevent others benefiting. **6**
(b) Explain Carbon footprint and show how this second application fits it: A school compares emissions linked to different transport arrangements.

**33.** (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.

**34.** (a) Explain Parliamentary government and analyse this application: A ministry needs the support required to remain accountable to the elected house. **6**
(b) Explain Biosphere reserve and show how this second application fits it: A region protects ecosystems while considering surrounding communities and livelihoods.

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