

STANDARDISED ASSESSMENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (SAfES): 2025-2026

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Class VIII

Duration: 3 Hours

Full Mark -100

Pass Mark -40

A. Tick the Correct Answer:

(5X 1=5)

1. The Information Technology (IT) Industry is an example of:
 - a. Sunrise industry
 - b. Agro based industry
 - c. Small scale industry
 - d. Service industry
2. The name associated with the establishment of Serampore Mission.
 - a. Thomas Macaulay
 - b. Henry Thomas Colebrooke
 - c. William Carey
 - d. David Hare
3. The Brahmo Samaj was founded by
 - a. Dayanand Saraswati
 - b. Raja Rammohun Roy
 - c. Vivekananda
 - d. Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar
4. Choose the correct article which notes that no citizen of India shall be discriminated against on the basis of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.
 - a. Article 15
 - b. Article 16
 - c. Article 21
 - d. Article 30
5. The burden of shortfalls in water supply mostly falls on this family.
 - a. Rich
 - b. Millionaire
 - c. Footballer
 - d. Poor

B. Fill in the blanks:

(5X1=5)

1. More than ____% of the world's population resides on just 30% of the total land surface.
2. The world's population reached a ____ in the year 1804.
3. The constitution of India recognizes the right to water as being a part of the ____ under Article 21.
4. ____ resource is the ultimate resource.
5. The average density of population in the world is ____ persons per square km.

C. Read the following statements. State whether it is True or False:

(5X1=5)

1. Based on size, industries can be classified into small scale and big scale industries.
2. Manual scavenging refers to the practice of removing human and animal waste.
3. Safe drinking water is not considered an essential public facility.

4. No child below the age of 12 years shall be employed to work in any factory or mines or engaged in any other hazardous employment.
5. In 1919, Gandhiji gave a call for a Satyagraha against the Rowlatt Act.

D. Match the following:**(5X1=5)**

A	B
1. Pathshalas	a. The Orientalists
2. James Mill	b. Widow's shelter
3. Jallianwala Bagh	c. Schools in a natural environment
4. Pandita Ramabai	d. 1985
5. Ministry of Human Resource Development	e. Amritsar

E. Answer the following questions briefly:**(14X2=28)**

1. Which Article of the Indian Constitution abolished untouchability?
2. What is population density?
3. Give two examples of raw materials.
4. What does the term Dalit mean?
5. What is an age-sex pyramid?
6. What do you understand by universal access?
7. Give two reasons why people had for not sending girls to school.
8. What do you mean by basic needs?
9. What was the slogan of Bal Gangadhar Tilak?
10. Write two features of the Non-Cooperation Movement.
11. What is Sati?
12. Who are consumers?
13. Who was Bhagat Singh? What slogan did he raise?
14. What was the Wood's Despatch of 1854 related to?

F. Answer any NINE (9) questions from the following:**(9X3=27)**

1. Which industry is often referred to as the backbone of modern industry and why?
2. Bangalore is called Silicon Plateau. Explain.
3. Why did Rathnam use the 1989 Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act to file a complaint?
4. Give three reasons why there are so few cases of private water supply in the world.
5. Why should public facilities be provided by the government?
6. Distinguish between Agro based and Mineral based industries.
7. Why did William Jones feel the need to study Indian history, philosophy and law?
8. Write the three main factors that cause population change.
9. What did Ambedkar want to achieve through the temple entry movement?
10. Elaborate on how Christian missionaries contributed to social reform in India.
11. Why did Gandhiji choose to break the salt law?
12. Write three advantages of foreign companies in setting up production in India.

G. Answer any FIVE (5) questions from the following: (5X5=25)

1. Write down in detail the main factors which influence the location of an industry.
2. What are the causes for the uneven distribution of population in the world?
3. Do you think the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy got justice? Discuss.
4. Why did Mahatma Gandhi think that English education had enslaved Indians?
5. Why were people dissatisfied with British rule in the 1810s and 1880s?
6. What do we mean when we speak of law enforcement? Who is responsible for enforcement? Why is enforcement so important?
7. What economic impact did the First World War have on India?

