

Standard : VIII

Time : 1½ Hours
Total Marks : 40

Instructions :

- Fifteen minute is cool off time.
- Read the questions and instructions carefully before writing the answers.
- While answering the questions, consider score and time.

Answer all the questions from Qn. 1 to 8

1. Name the art of writing of ancient Egyptians. (1)
2. How many members can be nominated by the President to Lok Sabha. (1)
3. Why the igneous rocks are called primary rocks? Give an example for igneous rocks. (2)
4. Family is an example for social group. Write the characteristic features of social groups. (2)
5. Mention the environmental problems caused by the reclamation of wetlands. (2)
6. How does global warming become a threat to the life forms on the earth? (2)
7. Distinguish between porosity and permeability? (2)
8. Match the following table (4)

	A	B
a	Vishakhadatta	Mrichchhakatika
b	Shudraka	Mudrarakshasa
c	Amarasimha	Laghujataka
d	Varahamihira	Amarakosha

Answer any 5 from questions 9 to 14. Each carries 3 scores (5 x 3 = 15)

9. Write any three objectives of Niti Ayog.
10. What are the means of informal social control?
11. Write a short note on growth, which is an objective of economic planning in India.

12. What are the uses of social groups in our life?
13. Identify the causes for the decline of the Harappan civilization?
14. Mention the role of nitrogen, oxygen and carbon dioxide in the existence of life forms.

Answer any one from questions 15 and 16. (1 x 4 = 4)

15. What are the measures for collecting and storing rain water beneath the surface of the earth by regulating surface run off?
16. Elucidate the differences between primary groups and secondary groups with examples.

Answer any one from questions 17 and 18. (1 x 5 = 5)

17. Name the layers of the atmosphere. Explain the characteristic features of any one of them .
18. Explain the role of three tier system of panchayats in achieving local development.