



ST. XAVIER'S SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, JAIPUR

Half Yearly (SA-1) Examination : 2015-2016

21-9-2015	Std. VII	Social Science	Time : 2 hrs.	Marks : 60
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**Instructions :**

1. Leave a line after each answer.
2. History and Civics to be answered on a separate sheet.
3. Underline the word you have filled in the blanks.
4. Follow the instructions given for the Questions.

**History (20 Marks)**

**I. Answer the following questions in one/two words :**

1. Name the sacred book of the Parsis. (1)
2. Who was a great singer during Akbar's reign ? (1)
3. Which Sultan of Delhi wanted to become the Second Alexander ? (1)
4. Name the scholars patronised by Mahmud Ghazni. (1)
5. Who was the most powerful ruler of the Pratihara dynasty ? (1)
6. Name the last king of the Delhi Sultanate. (1)

**II. Answer the following questions in brief :**

1. Define the terms : (2)  
(a) Valanadu  
(b) Nagram
2. How do the coins help us to know the medieval Indian history ? (2)
3. Throw some light on the Society under the Cholas. (2)

**III. Answer the following questions in detail (Do any two)**

1. Who was Mahmud of Ghazni ? Why did he invade India ? (4)
2. Discuss the main reasons for the conflict between the Cholas and the Kingdom of Sri Vijaya. (4)
3. How did the Delhi Sultans mobilise their revenue resources ? (4)

**CIVICS (20 Marks)**

**IV. Answer the following questions :**

1. What is a dictatorial form of Government ? (2)
2. Give reasons why a Secret ballot system is adopted. (2)
3. What does the term Collective Responsibility mean with respect to the Council of Ministers ? (2)
4. Name the six states having Legislative Councils. (2)
5. Mention any four features of Unitary form of Government. (4)
6. What is a political party ? Explain the importance of political parties in a representative democracy. (4)
7. What are the duties and powers of a Chief Minister ? (4)

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**Geography (20 Marks)****I. Fill in the blanks :-**

(4)

- (1) The density of the atmosphere ..... with height.
- (2) The part of the earth which is covered by water is called .....
- (3) The point where the vibrations originate is called the ..... of the earthquake.
- (4) The ..... is the solid outer covering of the earth.
- (5) The act of carrying away the weathered particles is called .....
- (6) Old and coarse alluvial soil is known as .....
- (7) Tropical deciduous forests shed their leaves in the ..... season.
- (8) ..... are preserved in the Corbett Park.

**II. Answer the following questions in 2-3 lines. (Do Any three)**

(6)

- (1) What do you mean by ecological balance ?
- (2) What is tectonic activity ?
- (3) Write two importance of soil.
- (4) Write two factors which influence the weathering process.

**III. Answer the following questions in 4-6 lines. (Do any two)**

(6)

- (1) Write any three steps taken by the Government to preserve the wildlife of India.
- (2) Write any three factors of soil formation.
- (3) Write any three differences between the Mountain Glaciers and Continental Glaciers.

**IV. Draw the following diagrams and label them neatly.**

(4)

- (1) Lower course of a river.
- (2) Major spheres of the Environment.

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