
HISTORY & CIVICS

H.C.G. - Paper – 1

(Two Hours)

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

*You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes.*

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

*Attempt **all** questions from **Part I** (Compulsory). A total of **five questions** are to be attempted from **Part II**, **two** out of **three questions** from Section **A** and **three** out of **five questions** from Section **B**.*

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

PART I (30 Marks)

*Attempt **all** questions from this Part*

Question 1

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| (a) | Name the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. | [1] |
| (b) | When did the Constitution of India come into force? | [1] |
| (c) | Name the Fundamental Right that prohibits 'forced labour'. | [1] |
| (d) | What is meant by the term 'Single Citizenship'? | [1] |
| (e) | State the meaning of the term 'Directive Principles of State Policy'. | [1] |
| (f) | Mention <i>any one</i> point of difference between 'Direct' and 'Indirect' elections. | [1] |
| (g) | What is the term of office of the Chief Election Commissioner? | [1] |
| (h) | Mention <i>any one</i> Fundamental Duty as given in the Indian Constitution. | [1] |
| (i) | Mention <i>any one</i> function of the Zila Parishad. | [1] |
| (j) | Name the elected head of a Municipal Corporation. | [1] |

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Question 2

- (a) State *any two* ways in which the script of the Indus Valley Civilization provides us with valuable historical information. [2]
- (b) Name the Epics written during the Later Vedic period. [2]
- (c) Who were the founders of Jainism and Buddhism? [2]
- (d) List *any two* sources of information about the Mauryan Empire. [2]
- (e) What are Megaliths? [2]
- (f) Mention *any two* works of Kalidasa. [2]
- (g) State *any two* architectural features of Qutub Minar. [2]
- (h) Mention *any two* reasons to state that the decline of Feudalism led to the rise of the Renaissance. [2]
- (i) What was known as the *Letter of Indulgences*? [2]
- (j) Define the term *Industrial Revolution*. [2]

PART II (50 Marks)**SECTION A**

*Attempt any **two** questions from this Section*

Question 3

With reference to the salient features of the Indian Constitution answer the following questions:

- (a) Define the term 'Constitution'. State *any two* reasons for its significance. [3]
- (b) State *any three* freedoms given under the 'Right to Freedom'. [3]
- (c) Mention *any two* differences between the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy. [4]

Question 4

Elections play a very significant role in our Indian Democracy.

In the light of this statement, answer the following questions:

- (a) State the composition of the Election Commission. [3]
- (b) Under what circumstances can a 'By-election' be held? [3]
- (c) Explain the terms 'General Election' and 'Mid- term Election'. [4]

Question 5

Local self-government in India is essential for building democracy from the grassroots.

In this context, answer the following questions:

- (a) State the three- tier system of the Panchayati Raj system. [3]
- (b) Give *any three* functions of a Municipal Committee. [3]
- (c) State *any two* functions of the following: [4]
 - (i) Gram Panchayat
 - (ii) Panchayat Samiti.

SECTION B

*Attempt any **three** questions from this Section*

Question 6

With reference to the Bhakti Movement, Sufism and Christianity, answer the following questions:

- (a) Mention the teachings of Kabir as mentioned in the Bijak. [3]
- (b) State the significance of Sufism on Indian Society. [3]
- (c) State *any two* contributions of St. Francis Xavier in the advancement of Christianity in India. [4]

Question 7

- (a) State *any three* social changes that came about in the Later Vedic Period in relation to the *Position of Women*. [3]
- (b) State *any three* occupations that existed during the Vedic Age. [3]
- (c) Mention *any two* similarities in the teachings of Jainism and Buddhism. [4]

Question 8

Study the Picture given below and answer the following questions:



- (a) Identify the structure given in the picture. [3]
Name the place and the state where it is located.
- (b) Name the dynasty and the king who built it. In which century was it built? [3]
- (c) Mention *any two* architectural features of the structure. [4]

Question 9

With reference to the Modern Age in Europe, answer the following questions:

- (a) How did the invention of the Printing Press lead to the rise of the Renaissance in Europe? [3]
- (b) State *any three* contributions of Martin Luther in reforming the Church in Europe. [3]
- (c) Mention *any two* differences between 'Capitalism' and 'Socialism'. [4]

Question 10

With reference to the impact of the Renaissance in the field of *Literature, Art and Science*, State the contributions of:

- (a) Leonardo da Vinci in the field of *Art*. [3]
- (b) William Shakespeare in the field of *Literature*. [3]
- (c) Copernicus in the field of *Astronomy*. [4]