

# ***City International School***

## **FIRST TERMINAL EXAMINATION – 2015 - 2016**

**Date : 08/10/2015**

**Marks : 80**

**Std : VIII**

**Subject : History / Civics – Paper I**

**Time : 2 hrs**

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

Answer to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

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

This time given on 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 the questions or parts of questions are given I brackets ( ).

### **PART I [30 MARKS]**

**Attempt all questions from this part. (Compulsory)**

#### **Q. 1 Answer the following:**

- a. What has taken a toll on the environment? (1)
- b. What day is celebrated as the UN day every year? (1)
- c. What poses a major threat to world peace? (1)
- d. What is United Nations Organization? (1)
- e. What becomes a stumbling block to our economic development and progress? (1)
- f. Which organ of the UN is like the 'World Parliament'? (1)
- g. Give any one objective of the UN. (1)
- h. Name the written languages of the UN. (1)
- i. Which organ of the UN is now no longer functional? (1)
- j. What are the major issues in Africa? (1)

#### **Q. 2 Answer the following questions.**

- a. Who was a leading playwright and one of the earliest feminists of France? (2)  
What did she write?
- b. What was the crucial point of dissension between the North and the South? (2)  
Who founded the American Anti – Slavery Society?
- c. Which was the first ever organized movement in History? (2)  
What was the most important change it led to?
- d. Who took up the challenge of unifying the German states? (2)  
What was his strategy?

- e. Who was chosen as the President of the Confederate State of America? (2)  
Texas was one of the eleven states that seceded from the Union.  
(True or False.)
- f. Under whose leadership did the Sikhs become powerful? (2)  
To whom was the leadership passed on after his death?
- g. Who was Mazzini? Which was the organization that he formed? (2)
- h. Who granted a Coat of Arms to the English East India Company? Why? (2)
- i. Which battle is an important landmark in the history of India? (2)  
When was it fought?
- j. Who is better known as Nanasahed Peshwa in history? (2)  
Which city did he beautify?

## **PART II [50 MARKS]**

### **SECTION A**

**Attempt any two questions from this section.**

- Q. 3** Globalization has resulted in the same goods and services being available in different countries. With reference to these answer the following.
- a. What is Globalization? Give any two advantages of Globalization. (3)
  - b. What has been an important feature of India's foreign policy? (3)  
Why would another world war change the face of the globe completely?
  - c. List the ill – effects of overpopulation. (4)
- Q. 4** The member – countries have to maintain worldwide peace and to cooperate in solving international problems. With reference to this answer the following questions.
- a. Where is the headquarters of the UN situated? What is the original (3)  
membership of the UN? Which organ is the judicial wing of the UN?
  - b. Name the official languages of the UN. (3)
  - c. Functions of the General Assembly. (4)
- Q. 5** After the war, the League of Nations was formed to maintain peace amongst nations. With reference to this answer the following questions.
- a. Where is the headquarters of International Court of Justice situated? (3)  
What are the functions of International Court Justice?
  - b. Achievements of the UN. (3)
  - c. Function of Security Council. (4)

## SECTION B

**Attempt any three questions from this section.**

- Q. 6** The slow but steady decadence of the Mughal Empire created chaos and anarchy. With reference to these answer the following questions.
- a. What were the conditions that the Indian ruler had to agree when he signed the Subsidiary Treaty? (3)
  - b. The Battle of Buxar was a decisive battle in Indian history – Comment. (3)
  - c. Consequences of the Third Anglo – Maratha War. (4)
- Q. 7** In the absence of a strong ruler, power passed onto the hands of ambitious nobles. With reference to this answer the following questions.
- a. What is Mansabdari system? Why did it face a crisis in the latter half of the seventeenth century? (3)
  - b. What were the Factors responsible for the failure of the Marathas? (3)
  - c. Name the sacred symbols that Guru Gobind Singh asked all his Sikh men to wear. (4)
- Q. 8** The French Revolution of 1789 had unleashed the forces of liberty, equality and fraternity that strengthened people's participation in the political process. With reference to this answer the following questions.
- a.
    - i. Name the Customs Union formed by Prussia. (1)
    - ii. What was its aim? (1)
    - iii. What did the agreement with the neighbouring German states involve (2)
  - b. Who was instrumental in the liberation of the two sicilies? (3)  
What were his soldiers known as? Why?
  - c. What is Nationalism? What was the primary objective of the Nationalists? (3)
- Q. 9** However barely eighty – give years later, America was faced with a civil war that threatened the unity and integration of the nation. With reference to this answer the following questions.
- a. Causes of American Civil War. (3)
  - b. When did the American Civil War begin? When did it end? (3)  
Who was defeated?
  - c. Write a short note on Abraham Lincoln. (4)
- Q. 10** The eighteenth century ushered in a new era in the history of the world. With reference to these answer the following questions.
- a. What was the impact of Revolution outside France? (3)
  - b. The colonies adopted the slogan – No Taxation without Representation. (3)  
Explain.
  - c. What were the three classes or estates of the French Society? What did each class consist of? There was widespread inequality among the three estates, Why? (4)