

BHARTIYA SHIKSHA BOARD
UNIT TEST – TERM I
SOCIAL SCIENCE – CLASS VIII
SESSION 2026-27

Time: 1 Hour

Max Marks: 20

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Read the questions carefully.
- Please check that this question paper contains **04** printed pages.
- **10** minutes of extra time has been allotted to read this question paper. During this time, students will not start writing the answers.
- This question paper contains 14 questions. All questions are compulsory, except where internal choice is provided.
- The question paper is divided into 5 sections- A, B,C,D and E.
- **Section A:** Q.no 1 to 5 are multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).Each question carries 01 mark.
- **Section B:** Q.no 6 and 7 are Assertion- Reason based Questions. Each question carries 01 mark.
- **Section C:** Q.no 8 to 10 are Short Answer Type questions with an internal choice. Candidates are required to attempt only two of these questions. Each question carries 02 marks.
- **Section D:** Q.no 11 to 13 are Long Answer Type questions with an internal choice. Candidates are required to attempt only two of these questions. Each question carries 03 marks.
- **Section E:** Q. no 14 is a passage based Case Study question carrying 03 marks.

SECTION A

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- Q1.** Which of the following vedas contain hymns and prayers suggesting measures to protect people from various diseases?
- (a) Rig Veda (b) Sama Veda
(b) Yajurveda (d) Atharva Veda
- Q2.** Arrange the types of courts in correct order from highest to lowest as per Bharat's judicial structure.
A. High Court B. District Courts C. Supreme Court D. Subordinate courts
- (a) A,B,C,D (b) D,C,A,B
(b) C,A,B,D (d) B,C,A,D

- Q3.** Which of the following are a part of workforce in the organised sector?
(a) Street hawker (b) contract workers
(c) Government employee (d) domestic service provider

Q4. Match the following correctly:-

Hope Spot Zones	Area
(A) The Blue Hole	(1) Belize
(B) The Great Barrier Reef	(2) Australia
(C) The Sargasso Sea	(3) Hind Mahasagar
(D) The Seychelles Archipelago	(4) North Atlantic Ocean

- (a) (A)-1,(B)-2,(C)-3, (D)-4
(b) (B)-1,(B)-2,(C)- 4,(D)-3
(c) (C)-1,(B)-2,(C)- 4,(D)-3
(d) (D)-4,(B)-3,(C)- 2,(D)-1

Q5. Which of the following statements about the Sacred Groves, one of the traditional conservation practices in Bharat are true-:

1. They are patches of forest or natural vegetation.
2. They are preserved by the State governments
3. They preserve species and habitats that could be lost.
4. They are preserved by local communities such as Bishnois in Rajasthan.

- (a) 1,2,3,4 (b) 1,2 & 3
(c) 2,3 & 4 (d) 1,3 & 4

SECTION – B

(2*1)

For Question number 6 and 7, two statements are given- one labelled as **Assertion (A)** and the other labelled as **Reason (R)**. Select the correct answer to these questions from the options given under each question:

Q6. Assertion (A): Freedom of the Press or media refers to the rights given by the Constitution of Bharat under the Freedom of Speech and Expression in Article 19(1)(a).

Reason (R): It is an absolute right without any restrictions.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
(b) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
(c) (A) is correct but (R) is incorrect
(d) (R) is correct but (A) is incorrect.

Q7. Assertion (A): Skill based technological change has led to increase in inequality in the country over recent years.

Reason (R): Automated machines have replaced medium skilled labour as well as traditional handicrafts.

- (a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- (b) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- (c) (A) is correct but (R) is incorrect
- (d) (R) is correct but (A) is incorrect.

SECTION C

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Q8. 'Media and advertising compliment each other.' Explain giving an example.

Q9. Identify the sector to which the following activities belong-:

- (a) Sitaraman is a fisherman who catches fish for selling them in the market
- (b) Vrinda is a doctor working in a government hospital.

Q10. Why are the Amazon Rainforest often referred to as "lungs of the Earth"?

SECTION D

(2*3)

Q11. How does media play an important role in functioning of democracy? Explain any three points.

Q12. Why is Economic equality significant for the development of a country?

Q13. Economic values of Biodiversity highlight how natural resources contribute to livelihoods and economic growth. For example, spice plantations in Kerala contribute significantly to the state's economy. Give three other examples of economic value of biodiversity.

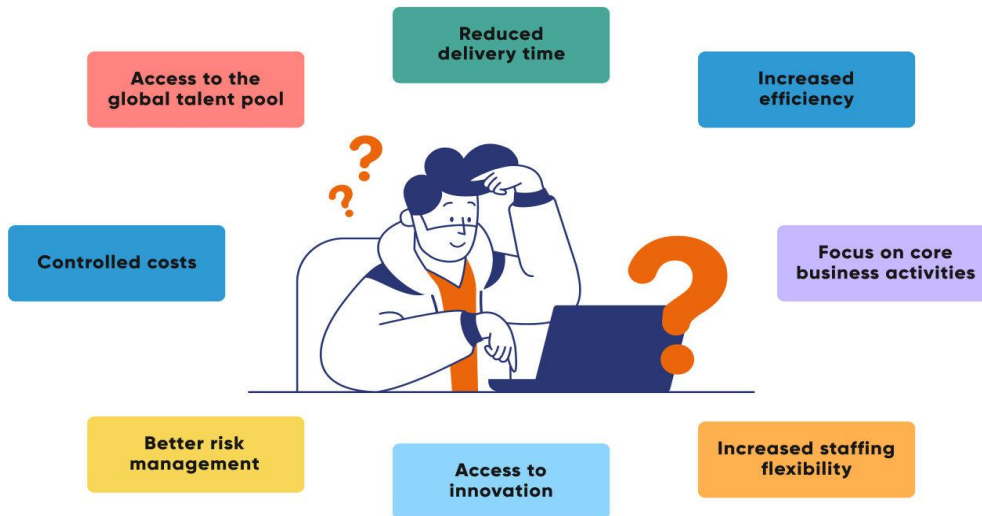
SECTION E

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Q14. OFFSHORE OUTSOURCING

When a company of any country outsources its work to a foreign country, it is called offshore outsourcing. Nowadays international organisations get most of their work done abroad, where the wage rate is low. This reduces their production cost. Most of these organisations are from developed countries. For example, in the 1990s, many large multinational companies in developed countries outsourced their services to countries with low labour costs and skilled manpower such as Bharat, China, Israel, etc. In the service sector, outsourcing is done in areas like Information Technology, call centre, medical services, etc.

An outsourced call centre in the 1990s



- Q14.1** Why do developed countries outsource their work to foreign countries?
- Q14.2** Name any two areas of the services sector where outsourcing is done.
- Q14.3** Observe figure 1.1 which depicts the benefits of outsourcing. How are the developed countries able to control or reduce their production cost through outsourcing?