



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir

Pre-Midterm Exam (2026-2027)

SOCIAL SCIENCE (Code: 087)

SET 2

Class: VIII

Date: 20.05.2026

Maximum Marks: 30

Time Allowed: 1 Hour

General Instructions: -

- All questions are compulsory.
- The Question paper comprises **Six Sections – A, B, C, D, E and F.**
- Attempt one section at a stretch and then move to the next section.
- Write the same question number as given in the question paper.
- Attach the Map along with your answer script.
- Use of correction fluid (whitener) is prohibited.

I	SECTION – A Multiple Choice Questions: (1X5=5)	Marks
1	Riya is planning to visit the “IT Hub of India” also known as a tourist place. Which capital city should she travel to? A. Chennai B. Bengaluru C. Hyderabad D. Mumbai	1
2	Under which conditions petroleum found deep beneath the ocean cannot be considered as a resource, because: A. It is a liquid fuel. B. Its existence is uncertain. C. Its harmful to the surrounding environment. D. The technology to access it is too expensive.	1
3	What was a primary reason for the soil and water pollution in the areas where cement is produced? A. Overexploitation of groundwater. B. Use of alternative materials. C. Use of high yielding varieties of seeds. D. Release of fine dust which causes various problems.	1
4	Assertion (A): Coal and Petroleum are known as non-renewable resources. Reason(R): They take millions of years for formation and have limited stock. Options: A. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A). B. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion. C. Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false. D. Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.	1

5	Which of the following pairs of resource category and example is incorrectly matched? A. Resource for energy: Coal B. Resource for materials: Wood C. Resource essential for life: Water D. Renewable resource: Petroleum	1
II	SECTION – B Very short answer questions: (1X5=5)	
6	Aarav is visiting a coastal state famous for backwaters. Identify the state and also write its capital.	1
7	Name any two Union Territories of India which are known as islands. Also mention their respective capitals.	1
8	What is the primary objective of the International Solar Alliance?	1
9	What problems may arise when countries or states share a natural resource like a river?	1
10	Why is it important to use non-renewable resources like coal judiciously?	1
III	SECTION – C Short answer-based questions: (2X4=8)	
11	The Northeast region of India is popularly known as the ‘Seven Sisters’. Identify any four states from this region and write their respective capitals.	2
12	Explain how a micro hydel plant demonstrates the conversion of a natural element into a resource?	2
13	What is meant by the ‘natural resource curse’ or ‘paradox of plenty’? Explain in two points.	2
14	Describe any two main categories of natural resources based on their uses.	2
IV	SECTION – D Long answer-based questions: (3X2=6)	
15	What were the key factors that led to the groundwater crisis in Punjab?	3
16	Analyse the case of Sikkim to show how sustainable practices can lead to an economic growth without harming the environment.	3
V	SECTION – E Case-based question: (1X3=3)	
17	Read the given text and answer the following questions: Industries located near natural resources create employment opportunities for the local people. Townships grow around them and expand economic opportunities for others, too. More modern facilities that improve the quality of life become accessible. However, these benefits are often accompanied by costs, in the short term as well as in the long term. We have examples from across the world of people living in resource-rich areas who have been displaced from their homes to facilitate such developments. In some cases, their sacred places are under threat, leading to conflicts. 17.1 How can industrial development create opportunities beyond employment? 17.2 In a resource-rich area, development projects are facing resistance from local communities. Give two possible reasons. 17.3 Industrial development brings both benefits and challenges. Justify this statement.	1 1 1

VI	SECTION – F MAP SKILL-BASED QUESTION (3 marks)	
18	Two places A and B have been marked on the given outline map of India. Identify them and write their correct names on the lines marked on the map. A) State known for tea gardens and Bihu dance B) State known for Mysore Palace C) State famous for the Taj Mahal	1 1 1