



Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir

Pre-Midterm Exam (2026-2027)

SOCIAL SCIENCE (Code: 087)

SET-2

Class: IX
Date: 19.05.2026

Maximum Marks:30
Time Allowed:1 hour

General Instructions: -

1. There are 17 questions in the Question paper. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper has Three Sections – A-History, B- Geography, and C- Economics.
3. Each Section is of 10 Marks and has MCQs, Short-answer and Long-answer questions.
4. The map-based question carries 2 marks (Geography)

I	SECTION A GEOGRAPHY (10 Marks)	Marks										
1	Excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere leads to global warming because it: A. Blocks rainfall B. Increases wind speed C. Traps heat within the atmosphere D. Reduces cloud formation	1										
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3	A pilot notices that most clouds and storms occur below the altitude at which commercial airplanes usually cruise. (a) Name the atmospheric layer where weather phenomena occur and also explain the important characteristics of this layer. (b) Explain why most weather activities are limited to this layer.	3										

4	(a) Identify the atmospheric layer responsible for protecting the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. (b) Explain how this layer protects the Earth, highlighting its key characteristics and importance.	3
5	MAP SKILL-BASED QUESTION On the given outline map of India, locate and label the following places: A. Chhattisgarh B. Dehradun	2
II	SECTION B POLITICAL SCIENCE (10 Marks)	
6	The following questions consist of two statements — Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Answer these questions selecting the appropriate option given below: Assertion (A): Ancient Indian political systems had no elements of democracy. Reason (R): Institutions like Sabha and village councils existed in early India. Options: A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A. B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A. C. A is true but R is false. D. A is false but R is true	1
7	‘Vasudaiva Kutumbakum’ mean A. A life of spirit B. World is one family C. Live in peace and harmony D. Equality before law	1
8	Consider the given statement and choose the correct option. Statement I: Direct democracy is difficult to practise in large countries. Statement II: In a representative democracy, the final decision-making power rests with elected representatives. A. Statement I is correct and Statement II is incorrect. B. Statement I is incorrect and Statement II is correct. C. Both statements are correct. D. Both statements are incorrect.	1
9	What is the simplest definition of term ‘Democracy’? A. A Government which advises the King B. An institution ruled by none. C. A Government in which the rulers are elected by the people. D. An institution ruled by a community.	1
10	“Free and fair elections are necessary features of democracy”. Explain.	3
11	“Administration during the period of Guptas marked a high degree of democracy” Justify the statement.	3
III	SECTION C ECONOMICS (10 Marks)	
12	Consider the statements given below and choose the correct answer. Statement I: Trade-offs happen when choosing one option and giving up another Statement II: Opportunity cost is closely linked to Trade-offs A. Statement I is correct and II is incorrect. B. Statement I is incorrect and II is correct C. Both statements are incorrect D. Both statements are correct	1

13	Which of the following is NOT a reason why choices are necessary in economics? A. Scarcity of resources B. Unlimited wants C. Equal distribution of income D. Alternative uses of resources	1								
14	Identify the INCORRECT pair from the following: <table><tr><td>Column A</td><td>Column B</td></tr><tr><td>Scarcity</td><td>Leads to the problem of choice</td></tr><tr><td>Economic Activity</td><td>Activity which is remunerated</td></tr><tr><td>Choice</td><td>Resources available in unlimited supply</td></tr></table>	Column A	Column B	Scarcity	Leads to the problem of choice	Economic Activity	Activity which is remunerated	Choice	Resources available in unlimited supply	1
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15	A car factory uses labour, machines, and raw materials to produce vehicles. Economists studying this process are mainly concerned with: A. How efficiently resources are used B. How factors are distributed among workers C. Why consumers buy cars D. How government controls prices	1								
16	A student has only 24 hours in a day but many subjects to revise, while a government must divide limited funds between healthcare and education. Which economic concept is illustrated in both situations? Explain your answer.	3								
17	“Economic analysis helps in solving real-life issues”. Explain with examples	3								