

BOARD EXAM PAPER

2008 (ICSE) X

HISTORY, CIVICS & GEOGRAPHY

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Paper 1 (History and Civics)

(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

(a)	Mention one advantage of the Lok Sabha.	[1]
(b)	What is meant by the term Universal Adult Franchise?	[1]
(c)	What is the term of office of a Rajya Sabha member?	[1]
(d)	What is meant by a constituency?	[1]
(e)	Who administers the oath of office to the President of India?	[1]
(f)	How many members can the Governor nominate to the Legislative	
	Assembly and the Legislative Council?	[1]
(g)	Mention one difference in the election of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya	
	Sabha members as far as the electorate is concerned.	[1]
(h)	Mr. Dakaria, the Governor of Nagaland, wants to implement some	
	administrative reforms in the tribal areas of his State. Can he do so? If so,	
	which constitutional power will allow him to implement the reforms?	[1]
(i)	Under what circumstances can the salaries and allowances of the Judges of	
	the Supreme Court be reduced?	[1]
(j)	Name the writ issued by the High Court which provides a remedy for a	
	person who has been unlawfully detained in prison.	[1]



Question 2

(a)	Mention two acts against which Surendra Nath Banerjee protested.	[2]
(b)	Name two fore-runners of the Indian National Congress.	[2]
(c)	Name the Congress leader who died after being assaulted by the British in	
	his demonstration against the Simon Commission. Mention one	
	consequence of the protest against the Simon Commission's	
	recommendation.	[2]
(d)	On what assurances did Gandhiji withdraw the Civil Disobedience	
	Movement?	[2]
(e)	How was the army reorganized after the first war of Indian Independence?	[2]
(f)	Name the last Viceroy of India. State one of his proposals in regard to the	
	Princely States.	[2]
(g)	Why was the Berlin Blockade enforced by Russia? On what condition	
	under the Berlin Accord, were the citizens of West Berlin allowed the	
	privilege of visiting Eastern Berlin?	[2]
(h)	Mention two proposals of the Wavell Plan.	[2]
(i)	Mention any two aims of the League of Nations.	[2]
(j)	What was the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis? Why did Hitler demand the	
	Danzig Corridor from Poland?	[2]

PART II (50 Marks)

SECTION A

Attempt any two questions from this Section

Question 3

With reference to the Parliament and the State Legislature answer the following:

(a) Mention the judicial powers of the Parliament.

(b) Mention three powers which are common to both houses of the State

Legislature.

(c) Explain any four functions of the Union Cabinet.

[4]



Que	estion 4	
With	reference to the Executive of the State Government, answer the following:	
(a)	Mention the three financial powers of the Governor of a State.	[3]
(b)	Mention three executive powers of the Governor of a State.	[3]
(c)	Under what circumstances can the Governor of a State dismiss the Council	
	of Ministers and dissolve the Legislative Assembly? What is meant by the	
	'Governor's Address'?	[4]
Que	stion 5	
With	reference to the Judiciary, answer the following:	
(a)	Mention three cases in which the High Court enjoys original jurisdiction.	[3]
(b)	Under which jurisdiction can a High Court accept an appeal against the	
	decisions of the district courts? Mention any two advantages of resolving	
	disputes through the Lok Adalat.	[3]
(c)	Explain any four conditions of service of a Judge of a High Court.	[4]
	SECTION B	
	Attempt any three questions from this Section	
Ques	stion 6	
With	reference to Nationalism, explain each of the following:	
(a)	Rediscovery of India's past.	[3]
(b)	Contribution of Bipin Chandra Pal.	[3]
(c)	How did the British react when the Indian National Congress was	
	founded? Why did their attitude change later?	[4]
Ones	stion 7	
-	formation of the Muslim League and the Home Rule Movement had a	
	esome effect on the affairs of the country. In this context mention:	
(a)	Three factors leading to the formation of the Muslim League.	[3]
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Two terms of the Lucknow Pact and two factors which emphasize the

Any three aims of the Muslim League.

significance of the Home Rule Movement.

(b)

(c)

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Question 8

With reference to the Indian National Army, answer the following questions:

- (a) Explain *three* measures taken by Subhash Chandra Bose to establish a socialist society.
- (b) What were the *three* decisions taken at the Tokyo Conference? [3]
- (c) Explain any *four* contributions of Subhash Chandra Bose to the National Movement. [4]

Question 9

- (a) Mention three functions of the International Court of Justice. [3]
- (b) Explain the composition of the International Court of Justice. [3]

(c)



Name the organization associated with the above emblem. Mention any *three* functions of the organization named by you. [4]

Question 10

With reference to the Cold War and the Non-Aligned Movement, answer the following:

- (a) Mention *three* factors leading to the Cold War. [3]
- (b) Write three consequences of the Cold War. [3]
- (c) Mention any four objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement. [4]