



**ANANDALAYA**  
**PERIODIC TEST – 1**  
**Class: VIII**

Subject: Social Science  
Date : 15-07-2025

M.M: 40  
Time: 1 hour 30 min

**General Instructions:**

- 1) All Questions are compulsory.
- 2) Question numbers 1 to 8 carry 1 mark each. These are MCQs and objective type questions.
- 3) Question numbers 9 and 10 are very short answer type questions which carry 2 mark each.
- 4) Question numbers 11 to 16 are short answer type questions. Every question carries 3 mark each.
- 5) Question numbers 17 and 18 are long answer type questions. Every question carries 5 mark each.

**SECTION-A**

1. Archives and museums were established, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) to preserve important records (B) to preserve arms and ammunitions (1)  
(C) to minting of coins and currencies (D) to issue memos noting and reports
2. Identify the fundamental duties among the following options: (1)  
(A) Right against exploitation  
(B) Cultural and educational rights  
(C) Uphold and protect the unity and integrity of our country  
(D) Right to freedom
3. What makes a substance a 'resource'? (1)  
(A) Its quantity (B) Its availability (C) Its utility or usefulness (D) Its location
4. 'Historians continue to associate history with a string of dates' Justify the statement. (1)
5. Give reasons why many historians refer modern period as colonial period? (1)
6. In India, all the religions are equally respected, this system is known as \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
7. Which human activity is mainly responsible for land degradation? (1)  
(A) Afforestation (B) Terrace farming  
(C) Deforestation (D) Rainwater harvesting
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is an of example of human- made resource. (1)  
(A) Dam (B) Sand (C) Forest (D) River

**SECTION-B**

9. Write the name of the First Governor General and the Last Viceroy of India. (2)
10. State any two challenges faced by the Indian Constituent Assembly while writing the Indian Constitution. (2)

## SECTION-C

11. (A) What does the picture depict? (3)  
(B) According to Rennel, why was it important to prepare maps?



12. 'Mill thought that all Asian societies were at a lower level of civilisation than Europe'. Explain the strategies suggested by Mill to civilize the Indians. (3)
13. Define the following terms: (3)  
(A) Periodisation  
(B) Colonisation  
(C) Calligraphists
14. 'Every country needs Constitution' Justify the statement. (3)
15. Define the following terms: (3)  
(A) Natural resources  
(B) Stock of resource  
(C) Sustainable development
16. Read the following conversation between two friends, Reena and Sheena, and answer the questions that follow: (3)  
Reena: Hey Sheena, I was reading our Geography chapter and got a bit confused. What exactly are renewable and non-renewable resources?  
Sheena: Oh, it's simple! Renewable resources are those which can be regenerated or reused naturally, but non-renewable resources take millions of years to form and once used, they get exhausted.  
Reena: Ohh, so things like solar energy and wind energy are renewable, right?  
Sheena: Exactly! And minerals and fossil fuels are non-renewable because they are limited in supply.  
Now, based on the above conversation, answer the following:  
(A) Classify the following into renewable and non-renewable resources:  
(i) Sunlight (ii) Coal (iii) Natural gas (iv) Forest  
(B) Write the other names of renewable and non-renewable resources.

## SECTION-D

17. Distinguish between Federalism and Parliamentary form of Government. (5)
18. (A) Draw a well labelled diagram of soil profile. (4)  
(B) Identify the soil conservation methods from the hints given below: (1)  
(i) In the coastal and dry areas, rows of trees are planted to check the wind movement and to protect soil cover.  
(ii) The bare ground between plants is covered with a layer of organic matter like straw.