

SBOA. SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE, CHENNAI – 101.

STD: VIII

SOCIAL SCIENCE - ASSIGNMENT

HISTORY 1. HOW, WHEN AND WHERE

1. Why and when do we continue to associate history with a string of dates?
2. Why do we divide history into different periods?
3. Why surveys became important?
4. What official records do tell us and do not tell us?
5. What are the other sources of describing histories?

HISTORY 2.FROM TRADE TO TERRITORY

1. How did the company pursue an aggressive policy of territorial expansion in the early 19th century?
2. What is meant by Doctrine of Lapse?
3. Why did Robert Clive commit suicide?
4. What was interesting about Tipu's toy tiger?
5. How new steam technology was helpful for the company?

HISTORY 3.RULING THE COUNTRYSIDE

1. What were the problems of permanent settlement?
2. Why was there a demand for indigo from India?
3. Why did the indigo peasants decide that they would no longer remain silent? What gave them the power to rebel?
4. What happened to the weekly bazaar during the economic crisis of Bengal?
5. Why 'Indigo Commission' was set up?

HISTORY 4. TRIBALS, DIKUS AND THE VISION OF A GOLDEN AGE.

1. Explain shifting cultivation. What happened to the shifting cultivators during the Colonial period?
2. Where did the forest people get their supplies of rice and other grains?
3. What are the problems faced by the tribals with the trade?
4. What accounts for the anger of the tribals against dikus?
5. In what ways Birsa's movement was significant?

HISTORY 5. WHEN PEOPLE REBEL, 1857 AND AFTER

1. How did the Nawabs lose their power?
2. Describe the resentment which brewed among the peasants.
3. What measures did the company adopt to reform the Indian society?

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5. How did the company show their supremacy over the Mughals?

HISTORY 6. COLONIALISM AND THE CITY – THE STORY OF AN IMPERIAL CAPITAL

1. How is the history of Madurai city different from that of Dacca or Surat?
2. Why did several types of towns decline in importance during the late 18th century?
3. Why did Calcutta, Bombay and Madras rise in importance in the late 18th century?
4. What did the famous poet Ghalib had to say about the city of Delhi?
5. Explain the statement “Delhi became a city of refugees”.

CIVICS 1.THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

1. What were the problems before the members of the constituent assembly?
2. What is the similarity between rules in a game and rules of a country?
3. How do Fundamental Rights have ‘Two Folds’ objective?
4. What are Directive Principles?
5. How a Constitution is a safeguard against wrong decisions and save us from ourself?

CIVICS 2.UNDERSTANDING SECULARISM

1. How does the Indian state work to prevent domination?
2. In what way is Indian secularism different from that of U.S.A.?
3. How is Indian secularism different from other countries?
4. How do we practice secularism in our school?
5. Can you think of a recent incident, from any part of India which secular ideals of the Constitution were violated?

CIVICS 3.WHY DO WE NEED A PARLIAMENT

1. How does the individual give approval to the government?
2. What is the opposition party?
3. What are the functions of the Rajya Sabha?
4. Write a short note on question hour?
5. What are EVMs? Why are they important?

CIVICS 4.UNDERSTANDING LAWS

1. What was the Rowlatt Act? In what way was it arbitrary?
2. Describe the role played by the Indian Nationalists in the evolution of the 'Rule of law'.
3. Who make laws for our country? How did new laws come about?
4. Why do you think that our role as citizen does not end with electing our representatives?
5. How can unpopular and controversial laws be changed?

CIVICS 5.JUDICIARY

1. What is the role of the judiciary?
2. Give two reasons to believe that an independent judiciary is essential to democracy?
3. What is the structure of courts in India?
4. Write about the appellate system.
5. How can we say that India has integrated judicial system?

GEOGRAPHY 1.RESOURCES

1. Distinguish between renewable and non-renewable resources.
2. How are natural resources classified?
3. On what does the economic development of a country depend?
4. Why should we find alternatives to existing resources?
5. What is the future of our planet?

GEOGRAPHY 2.LAND, SOIL, WATER, NATURAL VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

1. Mention the determinants of land use pattern.
2. In what ways land can be classified?
3. What are landslides?
4. State the reasons for forest fire.
5. What is poaching?

GEOGRAPHY 3.MINERAL AND POWER RESOURCES

1. Define mining and what are the different methods followed in mining?
2. What are the uses of minerals?
3. Why is conservation of minerals necessary?
4. What has made life in cities more comfortable?
5. What is the effect of electronic gadgets?

DISASTER MANAGEMENT 1.TOGETHER TOWARDS A SAFE LIVING

- 1. Suggest some measures to prevent damage from frequent flooding.**
 - 2. Think of three natural disasters. What can you do to stay safe during and after those natural disasters?**
 - 3. What natural disasters are common in your country?**
 - 4. Do you know that difference between a hurricane, a typhoon and a cyclone?**
 - 5. Which country has the most natural disasters?**
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