

Social Science

Practice Sample Paper – 5

(Session 2026–27)

(Class 6)

Time: 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 60

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper is divided into six sections – A, B, C, D, E and F.
3. Section A contains Question No. 1 with all sub-parts as Multiple Choice Questions. Each question carries 1 mark.
4. Section B contains Question Nos. 2 to 5. Each question carries 2 marks.
5. Section C contains Question Nos. 6 and 7. Each question carries 3 marks.
6. Section D contains Question Nos. 8 and 9. Each question carries 5 marks.
7. Section E contains Question Nos. 10 to 13. Each case/source-based question carries 4 marks.
8. Section F contains Question No. 14, a map-based question carrying 5 marks.
9. Internal choices are provided in selected questions. Attempt only one option where a choice is given.
10. For Visually Impaired students, separate questions are provided in lieu of visual/map questions.
11. Maintain neatness and clarity while writing answers.

SECTION A

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS [1×15=15]

1. (i) Which direction is shown by a meridian of longitude? [1]
A. North–South B. East–West
C. Circular only D. Diagonal only
- (ii) If a place is at 30°S, where is it located? [1]
A. North of Equator B. South of Equator
C. On Prime Meridian D. At the North Pole
- (iii) Which continent is crossed by the Equator and contains the greatest tropical rainforest? [1]
A. Africa B. Europe
C. Antarctica D. Australia
- (iv) Which landform is generally formed by the deposition of sediments at the mouth of a river? [1]
A. Delta B. Plateau
C. Gorge D. Mountain
- (v) Which feature of a mountain region can make transport difficult? [1]
A. Steep slopes B. Level plains
C. Wide flat roads D. Gentle coastal beaches
- (vi) Which of the following is a primary source created close to the time of an event? [1]
A. An ancient inscription B. A modern school guide
C. A later animated film D. A recent tourist brochure

- (vii)** Which word is used for a period of ten years? **[1]**
- A. Decade B. Century
C. Millennium D. Era
- (viii)** Which ancient name of India relates to the idea of a 'land' or 'realm' in the chapter? **[1]**
- A. Bharatavarsha B. Yavana
C. Indike D. Hind
- (ix)** What was one purpose of the reservoirs at Dholavira? **[1]**
- A. Storing and managing water B. Storing newspapers
C. Measuring latitude D. Teaching Vedic hymns
- (x)** Which material was widely used by Harappan craftspeople for making beads? **[1]**
- A. Semi-precious stones B. Plastic
C. Aluminium sheets D. Modern glass fibre
- (xi)** Why are dates written with BCE and CE useful to historians? **[1]**
- A. They help place events in chronological order
B. They show the weather
C. They identify map symbols
D. They measure distance
- (xii)** Which school of thought is associated with the Eightfold Path? **[1]**
- A. Buddhism B. Jainism
C. Yoga D. Charvaka
- (xiii)** Which pair is correctly matched? **[1]**
- A. Jainism — Mahavira B. Buddhism — Harappan drainage
C. Yoga — Prime Meridian D. Rig Veda — Dholavira
- (xiv)** Which statement best describes a plateau? **[1]**
- A. Elevated land with a relatively level surface
B. Deep water body surrounded by land
C. Flat land always below sea level
D. Narrow river channel
- (xv)** Read the statements and choose the correct option. **[1]**
- Statement I: A thematic map may show information about a particular theme.
Statement II: Every map must show the same kind of information.
- A. Only Statement I is correct.
B. Only Statement II is correct.
C. Both are correct.
D. Both are incorrect.

SECTION B
VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS [4×2 = 8]

2. (A) What is a thematic map? Give one example of the information it can show. [2]

OR

(B) What is a political map? How is it different from a physical map?

3. Why are deltas often useful for farming? [2]

4. What is a primary source? Give two examples from the study of history. [2]

5. (A) What is meant by the 'Indus-Sarasvati civilisation'? Why is this name useful? [2]

OR

(B) Mention two ways in which Harappan craftspeople showed skill and specialisation.

SECTION C
SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS [2×3 = 6]

6. (A) Explain how maps can be classified according to the kind of information they show. Give suitable examples. [3]

OR

(B) Why is chronology important when studying historical events? Explain with a simple example.

7. (A) Explain three ways in which coastal areas may influence people's occupations and lifestyles. [3]

OR

(B) Explain why the Harappan civilisation is known for both urban planning and skilled craft production.

SECTION D
LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS [2×5 = 10]

8. (A) Explain the importance of the Equator, latitudes, longitudes and Prime Meridian in locating places on Earth. How do they form a useful reference system? [5]

OR

(B) Describe the major landforms discussed in the chapter and explain how each may affect agriculture, settlement, transport and occupations.

9. Describe the major features of the Harappan economy, including agriculture, crafts, trade and the role of settlements. What do these features tell us about the civilisation? [5]

SECTION E

CASE BASED QUESTIONS [4×4 = 16]

10. Observe the given map and answer the questions that follow: [4]



10.1 In which direction is the School from the Post Office? [1]

10.2 In which direction is the Hospital from the Market? [1]

10.3 A visitor goes from the Library to the Temple. What general direction does the visitor follow? Explain how the compass helps to determine it. [2]

For Visually Impaired Candidates in lieu of Q10: Explain the difference between a political map and a physical map with one example each.

11. Read the source and answer the questions that follow: [4]

Different maps are made for different purposes. A political map may show boundaries of countries or states. A physical map may show natural features such as mountains, rivers and plateaus. A thematic map may focus on one particular theme, such as rainfall, population or crops.

11.1 Which type of map may show state boundaries? [1]

11.2 Which type of map focuses on one particular theme? [1]

11.3 Why is it useful to have different types of maps instead of one map showing everything? Give two reasons. [2]

12. Read the source and answer the questions that follow: [4]

On a plateau, the land may be elevated and relatively level. Some plateaus contain valuable minerals, while others support grazing or farming where conditions permit. Deep valleys and steep edges can make travel difficult in some plateau regions.

12.1 What is one resource that may be found in a plateau region? [1]

12.2 Name one activity that people may practise on a plateau. [1]

12.3 Explain two ways in which the physical features of plateaus can affect human life. [2]

13. Read the source and answer the questions that follow: [4]

Several Indian traditions explored questions about life, duty, knowledge and liberation. Buddhism emphasised a path to overcome suffering, while Jainism placed great importance on non-violence. Yoga developed practices connected with discipline and awareness. These traditions became part of India's diverse cultural heritage.

13.1 Which tradition in the source emphasised non-violence? [1]

13.2 Which tradition is associated with practices of discipline and awareness? [1]

13.3 How do different schools of thought contribute to India's cultural heritage? Give two points. [2]

SECTION F

MAP BASED QUESTIONS [2+3 = 5]

14. (A) On the Political Outline Map of India, locate and label the following: [2]

(i) Kalibangan (ii) Banawali

14. (B) On the political outline map of the World, locate and label any three of the following: [3]

- (a) Pacific Ocean
- (b) Atlantic Ocean
- (c) Africa
- (d) Antarctica

For Visually Impaired students in lieu of Q14. Answer any five:

(I) In which present-day Indian state is Kalibangan located? [1]

(II) In which present-day Indian state is Banawali located? [1]

(III) Which is the second-largest ocean on Earth? [1]

(IV) Which ocean lies between the Americas and Europe/Africa? [1]

(V) Which continent is almost entirely covered by ice? [1]

(VI) Which continent is crossed by the Equator and the Prime Meridian? [1]