Social Science

Practice Test Paper 2

Understanding Society: India and Beyond

(Part 2 | Chapter 2: Life on Earth)

Class IX

Time Allowed: 45 Minutes | Maximum Marks: 25

General Instructions

1. All 13 questions are compulsory. The paper has four sections: A, B, C and D.
2. Section A - 5 marks; Section B - 8 marks; Section C - 9 marks; Section D - 3 marks.
3. Choose one correct option in Section A. Write clear, relevant answers in Sections B, C and D.
4. Study the diagrams carefully before answering the related questions.

SECTION A

(5 questions × 1 mark = 5 marks)

1. Identify the biome suggested by the open grass cover, scattered trees and animals in this scene.



(A) Tundra
(B) Savanna
(C) Taiga
(D) Cold desert

2. Which forest type has broad-leaved trees that shed their leaves seasonally?

(A) Temperate deciduous forest
(B) Tropical rainforest
(C) Mangrove forest
(D) Coniferous forest

3. Which is a non-living component of a pond ecosystem?

(A) Algae
(B) Fish
(C) Frogs
(D) Water

4. The name Thenmala means:

(A) Green Valley
(B) Forest Lake
(C) Honey Hill
(D) Sacred River

5. PESA is the short name for which Act?

(A) Public Ecological Safeguards Act
(B) Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act
(C) Protected Ecosystems and Sanctuaries Act
(D) Panchayats Education and Skills Act

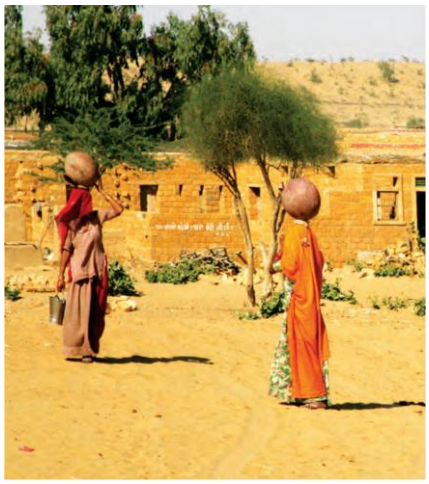
SECTION B

(4 questions × 2 marks = 8 marks)

6. Name two major tropical rainforest regions outside Asia and identify their continents.

7. Distinguish freshwater and marine biomes by naming two water bodies in each group.

8. The photograph shows women carrying water in the Thar Desert. Explain how the climate can make obtaining water a demanding daily task.



9. A honey producer claims that a distinctive flavour comes from a particular region. What connection must a GI tag recognise, and how can it benefit local producers?

SECTION C

(3 questions × 3 marks = 9 marks)

10. Why should conservation planners study location, climate and landforms before deciding where to protect biodiversity? Explain each factor's relevance.

11. A forest settlement lacks a nearby clinic and depends on fuelwood for cooking. Explain one health problem and suggest two forms of support.

12. Look at the burning forest below. Identify one human-related cause, one environmental factor and one livelihood loss associated with such a disaster.



SECTION D

(Application Based Question - 3 marks)

13. A craft and produce fair has stalls from Kandhamal, Channapatna and the Khasi hills. Each stall displays a region-linked forest product.

(i) Name the spice associated with Kandhamal.

(ii) Name the forest tree used to make Channapatna toys.

(iii) Name the citrus fruit associated with the Khasi hills.