



COMMON PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION

Social Science - (087)

Class : X (2025 - 26)



Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

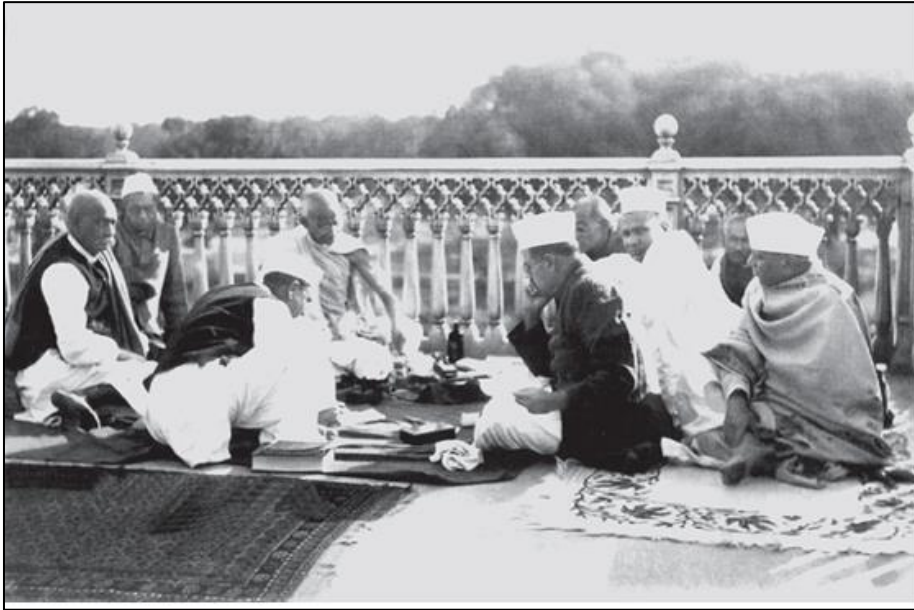
General Instructions:

- i. There are **38** questions in the Question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- ii. The question paper has **Four** Sections. A - History, B - Geography C - Political Science, and D - Economics.
- iii. Each Section is of **20** Marks and has **MCQs, VSA, SA, LAs** and **CBQ**. Multiple Choice Questions (**MCQ**) carry **1 mark each**.
- iv. Very Short Answer Type Questions (**VSA**), carry **2 marks** each. Answers to each question should not exceed 40 words.
- v. Short Answer Type Questions (**SA**), carry **3 marks** each. Answers to each question should not exceed 60 words.
- vi. Long answer type questions (**LA**), carry **5 marks** each. Answers to each question should not exceed 120 words.
- vii. There are case based questions (**CBQ**) with three sub questions and are of **4 marks** each. Answers to each question should not exceed 100 words.
- viii. The map-based questions, carry **5 marks** with two parts - **Q 9**. In Section A - History (**2 marks**) and **Q 19**. In Section B - Geography (**3 marks**).
- ix. There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions. Only one of the choices in such questions must be attempted.
- x. In addition to this, NOTE that a separate question has been provided for Visually Impaired candidates in lieu of questions having visual inputs, map etc. Such questions are to be attempted by Visually Impaired candidates only.

SECTION - A		
History (20 Marks)		
1	Which of the following groups of powers collectively defeated Napoleon?	1
	a) England, France, Italy, Russia b) England, Austria, Spain, Russia c) Austria, Prussia, Russia, Britain d) Britain, Prussia, Russia, Italy	

2 Study the picture carefully and answer the question that follows:

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Which of the following aspects best describes the image?

- a) Meeting of Congress leaders at Karachi
- b) Meeting of Congress leaders at Allahabad
- c) Meeting of Congress leaders at Bhopal
- d) Meeting of Congress leaders at Ahmedabad

Note: The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates ONLY in lieu of Q. No. 2

Q. Gandhi Irwin Pact was associated with which of the following movements of India?

- a) Quit India movement
- b) Non-Cooperation movement
- c) Khilafat movement
- d) Civil Disobedience movement

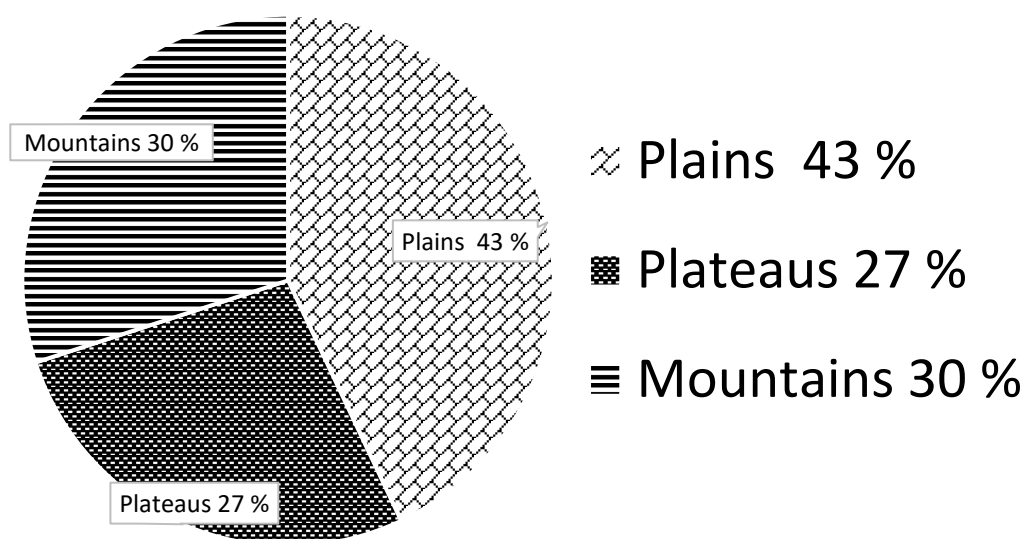
3 What does the presence of ship images on a 10th century CE memorial stone from Goa indicate?

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- a) The importance of maritime trade on the western coasts as ship images appear regularly from the 9th century onwards.
- b) Maritime activities were limited to local fishing communities rather than long distance trade.
- c) The western coast was politically isolated and had little engagement with other regions.

	d) The dominance of inland caravan trade routes led to a decline in oceanic trade.	
4	<p>Consider the statements given below and choose the correct answer.</p> <p>Statement I: Western printing techniques and mechanical press were imported in the late 19th Century as western powers established their outposts in China.</p> <p>Statement II: Beijing became the hub of the new print culture, catering to western style schools.</p> <p>a) Statement (i) is correct and (ii) is incorrect b) Statement (i) is incorrect and (ii) is correct c) Both (i) & (ii) are incorrect d) Both (i) & (ii) are correct</p>	1
5A	Analyse how the Indian subcontinent was central to the flow of trading networks before the 16 th century.	2
5B	Give two examples of different types of global exchanges which took place before the seventeenth century, choosing one example from Asia and one from the Americas.	
6A	In what ways did the First World War create new economic and political situations in India?	3
6B	"During the Civil Disobedience Movement, many different social groups participated enthusiastically, each with their own visions and ideals". How did women relate to the Civil Disobedience Movement?	
7A	Who was Frederic Sorrieu? How did he present his vision in the first print of his four print series that depicted his dream of a world made up of 'democratic and social republics'?	5
7B	Examine the conditions that made the Balkan Peninsula the most serious source of nationalist tension in Europe.	
8	<p>Read the given text and answer the following questions: (1+1+2=4)</p> <p>By the mid-eighteenth century, there was a common conviction that books were a means of spreading progress and enlightenment. Many believed that books could change the world, liberate society from despotism, and herald a time when reason and intellect would rule. Louise-Sebastien Mercier, declared: 'The printing press is the most powerful engine of progress and public opinion is the force that will sweep despotism away.' In many of Mercier's novels, the heroes are transformed by acts of reading. They devour books, are lost in the world books create, and become enlightened in the process.</p>	4

Land under important Relief Features



Q. What is the significance of the 27 percent land under plateaus?

- It ensures perennial flow of some river.
- It provides facilities for tourism.
- It provides facilities for agriculture and industry.
- It possesses rich reserves of minerals, fossil fuels and forests.

12 Match the following items given in column 'A' with those in column 'B'.

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	Column - A		Column - B
1	Manas Tiger Reserve	A	West Bengal
2	Corbett National Park	B	Assam
3	Bandhavgarh National Park	C	Uttarakhand
4	Sundarbans National Park	D	Madhya Pradesh

Options:

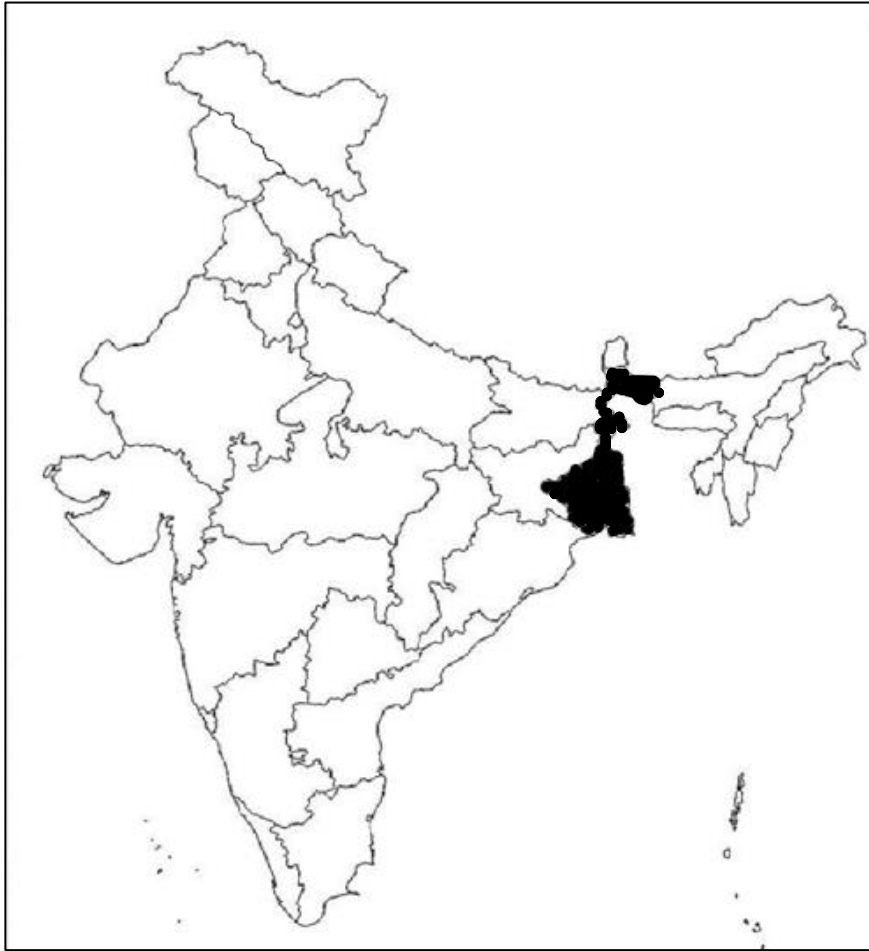
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13 Which of the following statements best evaluates the overall goal of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchae Yojana?

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- Behavioural changes in the community, from the prevailing attitude of consumption to conservation and smart water management.

	<p>b) Enhance the physical access of water on the farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation.</p> <p>c) Enable every rural household get assured supply of potable piped water at a service level of 55 liters per capita per day.</p> <p>d) Irrigation would reduce downstream flow in their states with adverse consequences for agriculture and industry.</p>							
14	<p>Fill in the blank with the appropriate option given below:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Process of erosion</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Name of erosion</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Water flows as a sheet over large areas down a slope</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Sheet erosion</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Running water cuts through the clayey soils and makes deep channels</td> <td style="text-align: center;">?</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Options:</p> <p>a) Wind erosion b) Terrace erosion c) Kanker and Khadar erosion d) Gullies erosion</p>	Process of erosion	Name of erosion	Water flows as a sheet over large areas down a slope	Sheet erosion	Running water cuts through the clayey soils and makes deep channels	?	1
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15	<p>A boy from Karnataka went to Rajasthan with his grandfather to spend his summer vacation. They visited some traditional houses in Bikaner, where they discovered that all the houses traditionally had underground tanks or <i>tankas</i>, for storing drinking water. These <i>tankas</i> were part of a well-developed rooftop rainwater harvesting system. While interacting with the villagers, some residents sadly mentioned that the practice of rooftop rainwater harvesting has declined because plenty of water is now available due to a perennial canal.</p> <p>Name the canal that provides a continuous supply of water to the region:</p> <p>a) Rajiv Gandhi Canal b) Lal Bahadur Sastri canal c) Indra Gandhi Canal d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Canal</p>	1						
16	<p>Study the map carefully and identify the major non-food crop cultivated in the highlighted Indian state and write any two relevant sentences about it.</p>	2						



Note: The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates ONLY in lieu of Q. No. 16

Q. Name one important beverage crop and specify the geographical conditions required for its growth.

17 **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follows:**

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A

One of the Geography teachers at Keshav Vidyalaya in Calcutta, while teaching the chapter on *Minerals* in her class, mentioned that she would take her students to visit the hot springs in the Parvathi Valley as part of a study tour.

Q. Where is Parvathi Valley located? What type of energy is harnessed there? Analyse how this energy is generated and discuss its possible advantages.

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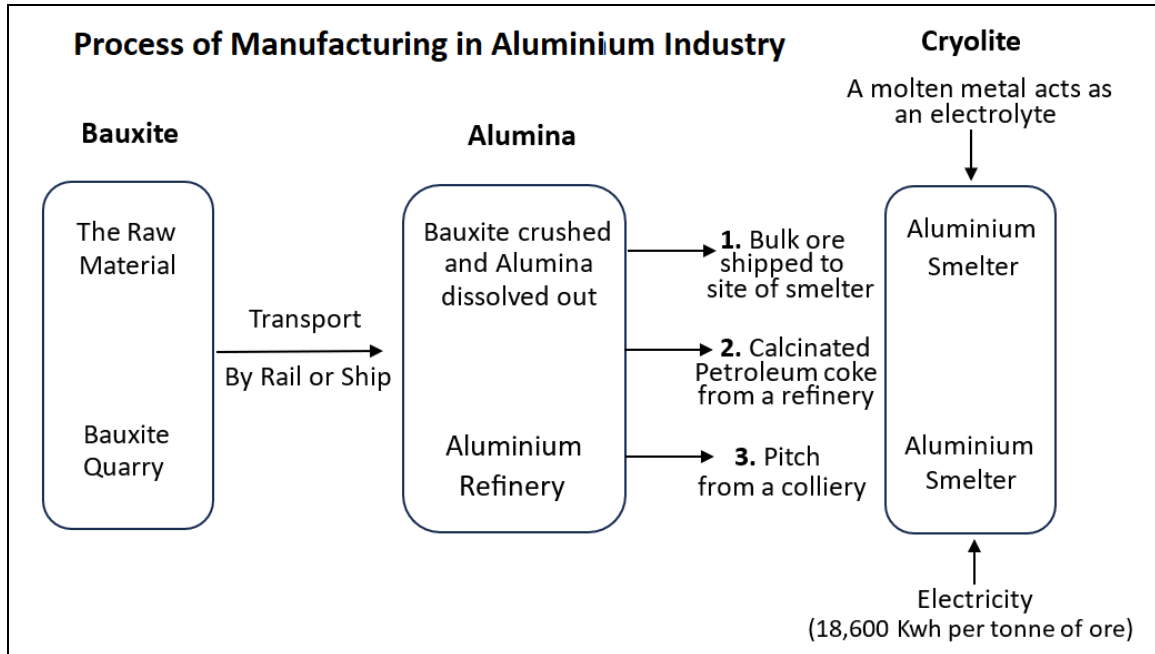
17 **B** “Coal is the most important and abundant fossil fuel in India.” Justify this statement by analysing its significant role in the growth of the Indian economy and explaining the different types of coal found in India.

18 **Study the information given below and answer the following questions:**

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(1+1+2=4)

Aluminium smelting is the second most important metallurgical industry in India. It is light, resistant to corrosion, a good conductor of heat, malleable and becomes strong when it is mixed with other metals. It is used to manufacture aircraft, utensils and wires. It has gained popularity as a substitute of steel, copper, zinc and lead in a number of industries. The process of aluminium manufacturing is as follows:



18.1 What is the raw material used for the production of aluminium?

18.2 Name a state where aluminium smelting plant is located.

18.3 What are the two prime factors responsible for the location of this industry?

MAP SKILL BASED QUESTION

- 19** **I. On the same outline map of India, locate and label the following with suitable symbols:**
- a) A multipurpose project on the Mahanadi River that integrates conservation of water with flood control
- OR**
- b) A dam is located on the Bhagirathi River.
- II. Mark and label any TWO the following:**
- (i) A major southernmost seaport located on the eastern coastal plain of India
 - (ii) An international airport in Punjab
 - (iii) A Software Technology Park in the state of Uttar Pradesh

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Answer any **THREE** of the following:

- a) Name the dam on the Mahanadi River that integrates conservation of water with flood control
- b) Name the southern seaport located on the southeastern coast of India
- c) Specify the name of the international airport in Punjab
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SECTION - C
Political Science (20 Marks)

20 Study the given cartoon and answer the question that follows.

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Q. Which of the following statements most appropriately describes the picture?

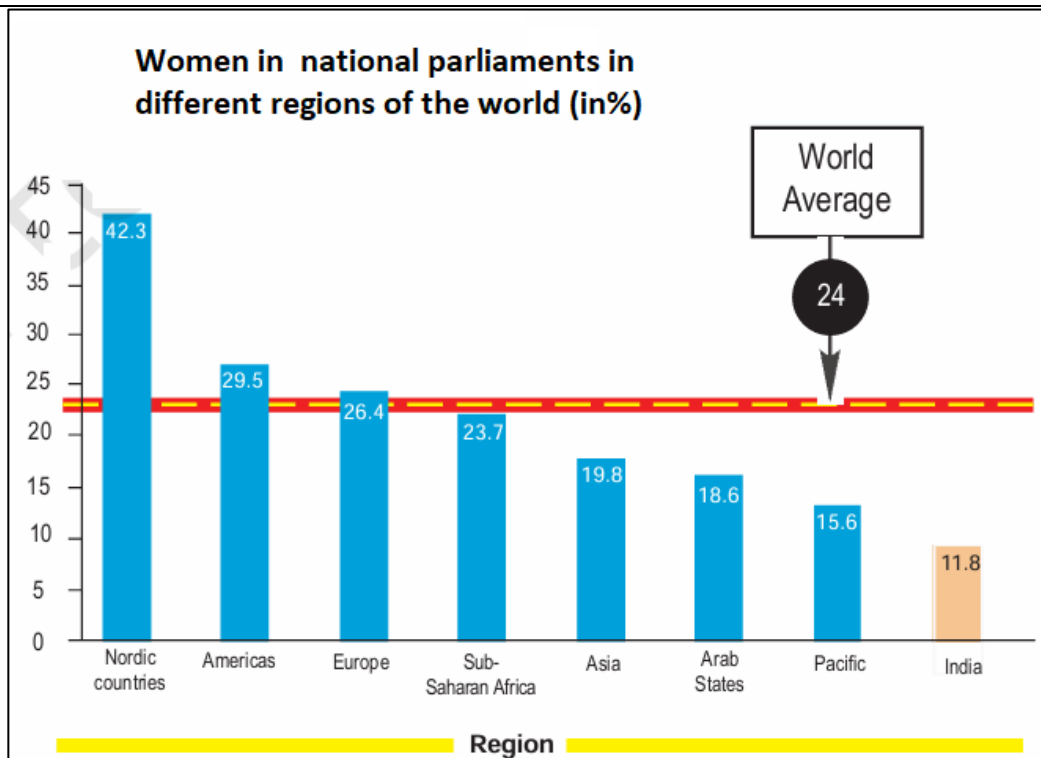
- a) Concentration of power under one centre undermines the concept of democracy.
- b) More powers have been given to democratic institutions.
- c) There has been a shift from concentrated power to a coalition government.
- d) Putin is advising Bush to form a coalition government.

Note: The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates ONLY in lieu of Q. No. 20

Q. In 2005, which two political parties formed a coalition government in Germany?

- a) Christian Republican Party & German Conservative Party

	<p>b) Social Republican Party & Christian Democratic Union c) Christian Democratic Union & Social Democratic Party d) German Republican Party & Christian Democratic Party</p>																					
21	<p>Annette studies in a Dutch medium school in the northern region of Belgium. Many French speaking students in her school want the medium of instruction to be changed to French. Her parents approached the respective government to fulfill their child's desire.</p> <p>Q. What measure could the Belgian government adopt in such a situation?</p> <p>a) Despotic measures b) Majoritarian measures c) Policy of accommodation d) Policy of Absolutism</p>	1																				
22	<p>What do you mean by the term 'vote bank'?</p> <p>a) All voters of a particular caste vote for only one party. b) A large proportion of voters from a particular caste vote for a specific party. c) Voters from all castes have equal and easy access to political leaders. d) It refers to the total number of voters belonging to a particular caste.</p>	1																				
23	<p>Choose the correctly matched pair related to the political and administrative changes in India:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 40%;">Column - A</th> <th style="width: 5%;"></th> <th style="width: 50%;">Column - B</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Centre-State relations after 1990</td> <td style="text-align: center;">A</td> <td>Single party rule at both Central and State levels</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Formation of States like Nagaland</td> <td style="text-align: center;">B</td> <td>Based on language and to protect from Chinese influence</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Judiciary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">C</td> <td>Has the power to legislate on the 'residuary' subjects</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>Creation of linguistic states</td> <td style="text-align: center;">D</td> <td>Increased national unity and easier administration</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Options:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a) 1 - A b) 2 - B c) 3 - C d) 4 - D</p>		Column - A		Column - B	1	Centre-State relations after 1990	A	Single party rule at both Central and State levels	2	Formation of States like Nagaland	B	Based on language and to protect from Chinese influence	3	Judiciary	C	Has the power to legislate on the 'residuary' subjects	4	Creation of linguistic states	D	Increased national unity and easier administration	1
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24	<p>Study the bar graph and answer the following question:</p>	2																				



Analyse the present status of women’s representation in India’s legislative bodies.

25	Discuss the two distinct routes through which federations have been formed across the world.	2
26	“Democracy stands much superior to any other form of government in promoting the dignity and freedom of individuals.” Support this statement with suitable arguments.	3
27 A	“Political parties are one of the most visible institutions in a democracy”. State the various functions that political parties perform in a democracy.	5
OR		
27 B	“About a hundred years ago, there were very few countries in the world that had any political parties. Now, there are few that do not have them. Thus, political parties are omnipresent in democracies all over the world.” What is a political party? What are the various challenges faced by political parties?	
28	Read the source given below and answer the questions that follows: (1+1+2=4) Power sharing is a good way to ensure the stability of political order. Imposing the will of majority community over others may look like an attractive option in the short run, but in the long run it undermines the unity of the nation. Power sharing is the very spirit of democracy. A democratic rule involves sharing power with those affected by its exercise, and who have to live with its effects. People have a right to be consulted on how they are to be governed. A legitimate government is one where citizens, through participation, acquire a stake in the	4

system. Let us call the first set of reasons prudential and the second moral. While prudential reasons stress that power sharing will bring out better outcomes, moral reasons emphasise the very act of power sharing as valuable.

28.1 What is meant by the term '*prudential*' as mentioned in the passage?

28.2 Name the two different sets of reasons in favour of power sharing.

28.3 What are the different forms of power sharing in modern democracies? Explain.

SECTION - D
Economics (20 Marks)

29 The table given below highlights the percentage of workers in the three sectors of the Indian economy. **1**

The data for the year 2023 represents actual figures, while the data for 2040 is hypothetical, based on the published figures of 2023. Any of the three hypothetical scenarios could be possible in the year 2040.

Year	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
2023	44 %	25 %	31 %
2040 (Hypothetical Scenario 1)	20 %	45 %	35 %
2040 (Hypothetical Scenario 2)	60 %	20 %	20 %
2040 (Hypothetical Scenario 3)	15 %	40 %	45 %

With all other factors remaining the same, which of the following scenarios would have the greatest impact on India's global leadership in the future?

- a) Only Hypothetical Scenario 1
- b) Only Hypothetical Scenario 2
- c) Either Hypothetical Scenario 1 or 2
- d) Either Hypothetical Scenario 1 or 3

30 In the question given below, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option: **1**

Assertion (A): The government undertakes activities like constructing roads, bridges, and railways.

Reason (R): These activities require heavy investment and cannot be easily handled by the private sector.

- a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are true, and R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is correct but R is wrong.
- d) A is wrong but R is correct.

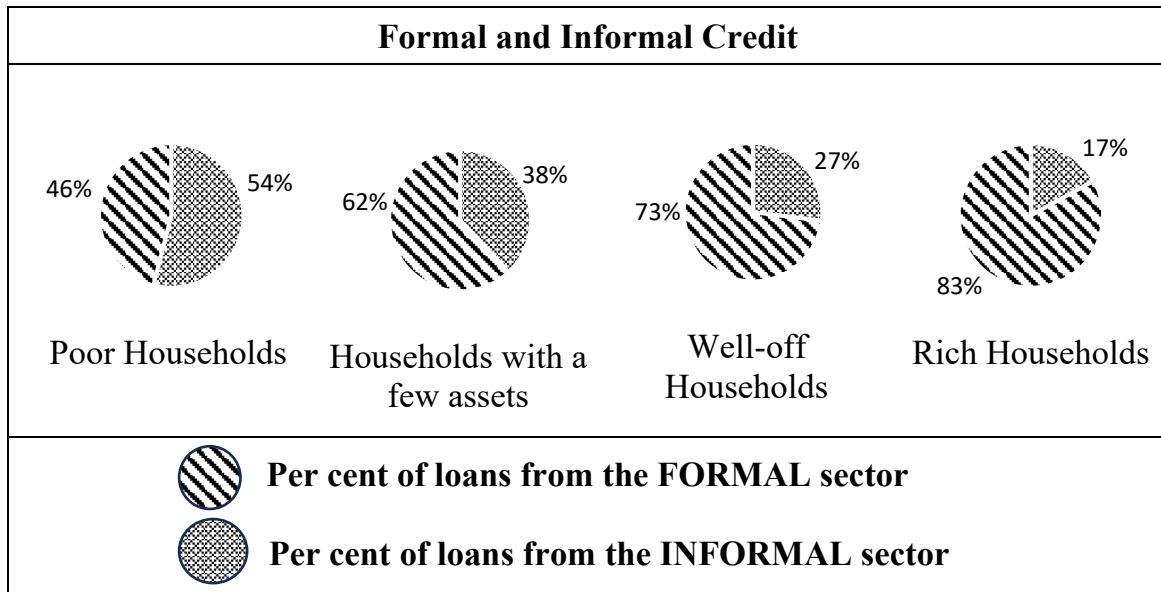
31 Read the following data and select the appropriate option from the following: 1

Educational Achievement of Rural Population of Uttar Pradesh		
Category	Male	Female
Percentage of rural children aged 10-14 attending school	85 %	82 %
Literacy rate for rural children in age group 10-14 years	90 %	87 %
Literacy rate for rural population	76 %	54 %

What is the percentage of illiterate male in the rural population of U P?

- a) 15 %
- b) 16.3 %
- c) 24 %
- d) 13 %

32 The pie chart shows the share of formal and informal sources of credit among different income groups from poor to rich as illustrated in the figure. 1

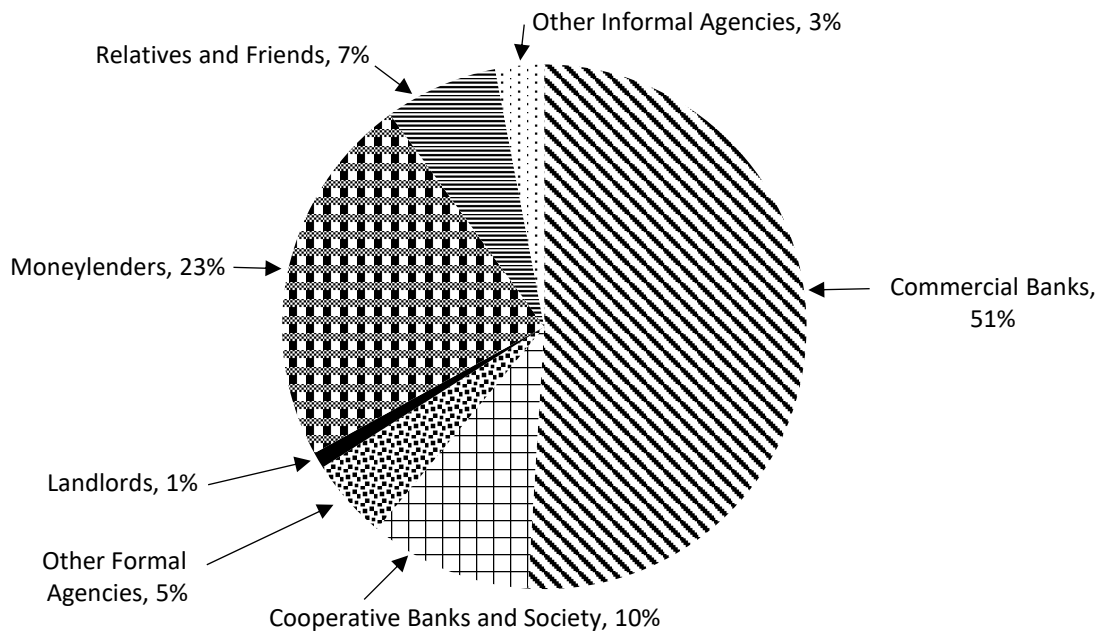


What does this information suggest? Choose the most appropriate answer:

- a) Most loans from informal lenders carry a very low rate of interest.
- b) Banks and cooperatives need to decrease their lending to cover more people.
- c) The formal sector still meets only about half of the total credit needs of rural people.
- d) The rich households are availing cheap credit from informal lenders

	<p>Note: The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates ONLY in lieu of Q. No. 32</p> <p>Q. Which household from the rural obtain credit from the informal source?</p> <p>a) Poor household b) Rich household c) Households with a few assets d) Well-off Households</p>																
33	<p>In a Self-Help Group, most of the decisions regarding savings and loan activities are taken by:</p> <p>a) The members b) The Bank Manager c) The Cooperative society d) The Gram Sabha</p>	1															
34	<p>When a government removes barriers to foreign trade and investment, what is the most likely immediate effect on domestic markets?</p> <p>a) The quality of domestic goods automatically improves. b) The prices of all goods in the market increase. c) Competition among producers in the domestic market increases. d) Domestic producers face less competition than before.</p>	1															
35	<p>“Globalisation is the process of rapid integration or interconnection between countries. MNCs are playing a major role in the globalisation process.”</p> <p>Analyse the factors that have enabled globalisation.</p>	3															
36	<p>The following table shows the proportion of adults (aged 15 - 49 years) whose BMI is below normal (BMI < 18.5 kg/m²) in India. It is based on a survey of various states for the year 2019-21. Look at the table and answer the following questions.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>State</th> <th>Male (%)</th> <th>Female (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Kerala</td> <td>8.5</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karnataka</td> <td>17</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Madya Pradesh</td> <td>28</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All States</td> <td>20</td> <td>23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Q. The nutritional level of Kerala is better than other states - Give Reasons</p>	State	Male (%)	Female (%)	Kerala	8.5	10	Karnataka	17	21	Madya Pradesh	28	28	All States	20	23	3
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37	<p>Read the pie chart given below and answer the question that follows:</p>	3															

Source of Credit in Rural India, 2019



- Among the informal sources of credit, which group provides the largest share of loans?
- Mention any two disadvantages of borrowing from informal sources of credit.

38 A “Another way of classifying economic activities into sectors is on the basis of who owns the assets and is responsible for the delivery of services.”

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What are these sectors? Distinguish between them with suitable examples.

OR

38 B What steps can the government take to create more employment opportunities and reduce disguised unemployment?

Map for Q No. 9 (Section A) & Q No. 19 (Section B)

