

BCM SCHOOL, BASANT AVENUE, DUGRI ROAD, LUDHIANA

CLASS- IX

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE

Practice Assignment

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. The most common form that democracy takes in our time is that of

- (a) Limited democracy (b) Representative democracy
- (c) Maximum democracy (d) none of the above

Ans: Representative democracy

2. Tina's aunt lives in Sri Lanka. She wants to visit India. Which places will she have to cross to reach India?

- (a) Gulf of Mannar (b) Palk Strait
- (c) Both A and B (d) None of these

Ans: (c) Both A and B

3. Which of the following island union territories is located near western coast in India?

- (a) Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- (d) Lakshadweep

Ans. (d) Lakshadweep

4. Which longitude has been selected as the Standard Meridian of India? Explain any two reasons for its selection.

Ans: 82° 30' E longitude has been selected as the Standard Meridian of India. It has been selected because

- (i) It passes through the middle of country.
- (ii) Like Standard Meridian of other countries it also divisible by 7 hrs and 30 minutes.

5. What was the 'Legal Framework Order' passed by Pervez Musharraf in 1 August 2002?

Ans: In August 2002, Musharraf issued a 'Legal Framework Order' that amended the Constitution of Pakistan. According to this Order, the President can dismiss the national and provincial assemblies.

6. Give arguments against democracy.

Ans: (i) Leaders keep changing in a democracy which leads to instability.

(ii) Democracy is all about political competition and power play. There is no scope for morality.

7. India has a long coastline which is advantageous. Explain.

Ans: No other country has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean as India has and indeed it has provided a significant boost to India's maritime trade. The Deccan Peninsula helps India to establish easy contact with West Asia, East Africa and Europe from Western coast also establishes contacts with South-East Asia, East Asia and Australia from Eastern coasts. 90 per cent of India's international trade is done through sea. India has developed many ports on its Western and Eastern coast which have become major centres for international business.

8. Democracy is better than other forms of government? Explain by giving arguments in the favour of democracy.

Ans: Democracy is better than other forms of government as:

- (i) Democracy improves the quality of decision making because it is based on consultation and discussion.
- (ii) Democracy provides a method to deal with differences and conflicts. In any society people are bound to have differences of opinions and interests. This conflict can be solved peacefully in a democratic set-up.
- (iii) Democracy enhances the dignity of citizens. Democracy is based on the principle of political equality. Everyone has equal right to vote without any discrimination