

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL ICSE, MAZGAON, MUMBAI - 400010**  
Preliminary Examination

CLASS : 10

Date : 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2006

TIME : 1 hr. 30 min

Marks: 80

**HISTORY & CIVICS**  
**PART I CIVICS**

**Attempt all the questions.**

- Q.1.**
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| a) Who is the presiding officer of the Lok Sabha?  | 1 |
| b) What is a parliamentary constituency?   | 1 |
| c) What is Universal adult franchise?  | 1 |
| d) Why have many states abolished the Legislative Councils?  | 1 |
| e) Who decides all the disputes arising in connection with the election of the President of India? | 1 |
| f) What is meant by the term 'Ordinance'?  | 1 |
| g) Who is the Constitutional Head of a State?  | 1 |
| h) What is meant by the Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?                                | 1 |
| i) To which court can you appeal against the decision of the Munsif's Court?                       | 1 |
| j) Which is the highest criminal court in a district?  | 1 |
- Q.2.**
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| a) What was the General Service Enlistment Act? When was it passed?   | 2 |
| b) What was the Doctrine of Lapse?  | 2 |
| c) What was the revolutionary impact of introducing railways in India? Mention any two points.                              | 2 |
| d) What was the Vernacular Press Act? When was it passed?   | 2 |
| e) Name the book written by Dadabhai Naoroji. What does it explain?   | 2 |
| f) What was the real intention of the British for partitioning Bengal?  | 2 |
| g) What do the terms 'Satyagraha' and 'Swadeshi' mean?  | 2 |
| h) When was the League of Nations established? Where was its headquarters?  | 2 |
| i) Who formulated the Marshall Plan? What was its main purpose?   | 2 |
| j) When did the United Nations officially come into existence? What are the three new objectives set by the United Nations? | 2 |

**PART - II Section A.**

**Attempt any two questions from this section.**

- Q.3.** With reference to the Rajya Sabha write briefly on each of the following :
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|---|---|
| a) Its composition.   | 3 |
| b) Qualification for candidates seeking membership to the Rajya Sabha (other than being a citizen of India) | 3 |
| c) Its tenure and its Presiding Officers.   | 4 |
- Q.4.** With reference to the jurisdiction of the High Courts, write short notes on the following:-
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|-----------------------------|---|
| a) Power of Superintendence | 4 |
| b) Power to issue writs.    | 3 |
| c) Court of Record.         | 3 |

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- Q.5. With reference to the Chief Minister, explain :
- a) His functions in relation to the State Legislature. 5
  - b) His functions in relation to the Council of Ministers. 5

## SECTION - B

Attempt any three questions from this section.

- Q.6. Swami Dayanand Saraswati was the founder of the Arya Samaj. In this connection state :-
- a) His teachings. 6
  - b) Shuddhi ceremony 2
  - c) His contribution to education. 2
- Q.7. The war of 1857 produced far reaching results. In this context explain:-
- a) Re-organisation of the Army. 3
  - b) The end of Peshwaship and the Mughal rule. 2
  - c) Change in the policy of the new Government towards Indian Princes. 5
- Q.8. With reference to the Muslim League, answer the following:-
- a) The factors promoting the Muslim League. 7
  - b) The aims and objectives of the League. 3
- Q.9. With reference to Benito Mussolini throw light on the following :-
- a) The three main principles of Fascism. 3
  - b) His domestic policy. 5
  - c) His vigorous foreign policy with reference to Abyssinia. 2
- Q.10. The UNESCO came into being on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 1946.
- a) What is the full form of UNESCO? Where is its headquarters? 2
  - b) State its functions in the field of :
    - i) scientific activities. 4
    - ii) culture and communication. 4

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