

**SSLC EXAMINATION, MARCH - 2026**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**(English)**

Time : 2½ Hours

Total Score : 80

**Instructions :**

- There is a 'Cool off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time. Use this time to get familiar with questions and to plan your answers.
- Read the questions and instructions carefully before answering.
- Answer the questions considering score and time.
- Some questions are given with choices. Answer any one question from the choices.
- For answering the map question use the outline map of the world provided.

Score

Answer all questions from 1 to 8. Each carries 1 score.

8x1=8

1. Match the following :

I	II
(A) Isaac Newton	(i) The protestant reformation
(B) Galileo Galilei	(ii) The theory of gravitation
(C) Martin Luther	(iii) The society of Jesus
(D) Ignatius Loyola	(iv) Telescope

- (a) (A)-(iv), (B)-(iii), (C)-(ii), (D)-(i)  
(b) (A)-(ii), (B)-(iv), (C)-(i), (D)-(iii)  
(c) (A)-(i), (B)-(iii), (C)-(ii), (D)-(iv)  
(d) (A)-(i), (B)-(ii), (C)-(iii), (D)-(iv)

2. Consider the following statements and choose the correct one.

**Statement (1) :** Growth was one of the objectives of economic planning of India.

**Statement (2) :** Growth means minimising foreign dependence on economic activity.

- (a) **Statement (1)** is correct and **Statement (2)** is incorrect.  
(b) **Statement (1)** is incorrect and **Statement (2)** is correct.  
(c) Both **Statements** are correct.  
(d) Both **Statements** are incorrect.

3. The pressure belts and planetary winds associated with them are given below. Match them suitably :

(A) From subtropical high-pressure belts to equatorial low-pressure belts	(i) Westerlies
(B) From subtropical high-pressure belts to subpolar low-pressure belts	(ii) Polar Easterlies
(C) From polar high-pressure belts to subpolar low-pressure belts	(iii) Trade Winds

- (a) (A)-(iii), (B)-(i), (C)-(ii) ✓  
 (b) (A)-(ii), (B)-(iii), (C)-(i)  
 (c) (A)-(i), (B)-(ii), (C)-(iii)  
 (d) (A)-(i), (B)-(iii), (C)-(ii)
4. Which among the following is **not** related to Mandal Commission ?
- (a) Recommended 27% reservation for backward classes. ✓  
 (b) Appointed to study the social and educational backwardness of the OBC communities.  
 (c) Headed by B P Mandal.  
 (d) It is also known as Kaka Kalelkar Commission.
5. Which one of the following is **not** related to the Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress ?
- (a) It was presided by Jawaharlal Nehru.  
 (b) ✓ Mahatma Gandhi gave the slogan 'do or die'.  
 (c) The congress demanded complete independence.  
 (d) ✓ It entrusted Mahatma Gandhi to launch a mass movement. ✓
- 6.~ What is meant by 'Belukar' ?
- (a) ✓ Secondary forests that spring up in areas abandoned after cultivation.  
 (b) The indigenous people seen in the Congo Basin of Africa.  
 (c) Shifting agriculture practised after clearing and burning forests.  
 (d) The Indian tribes in the Amazon Basin.

7. Arrange the following in chronological order.
- (A) Signing of the Panchasheel principles  
 (B) The launching of Aryabhata  
 (C) Formation of the State of Andhra  
 (D) Formation of the State of Kerala
- (a) (A), (D), (C), (B)                      (b) (C), (A), (D), (B)  
 (c) (C), (B), (A), (D)                      (d) (B), (C), (D), (A)

8. Which one of the following is **not** an iron ore ?
- (a) Hematite                                      (b) Magnetite  
 (c) Limonite                                      (d) Bauxite

Answer the question from 9 to 15 in two or more sentences. Each carries 2 scores.

7×2=14

9. From which ideology did the Dravidian Movement originate ? What are the objectives of the Dravidian Movement ?
10. Distinguish between the hypocentre and the epicentre of an earthquake.
11. Elucidate the factors that forced the European countries to establish political control in their colonies.
12. Identify the climatic region that lies to the north of the Taiga region. What are the characteristics of the polar nights experienced in this region ?
13. 'Eating till you are full is good for health'. Evaluate the given statement based on the commonsense knowledge.
14. List out the proposals of the Cabinet Mission.
15. Write the reasons for the following.
- (a) The hot deserts are generally located on the western margins of the continents.  
 (b) In monsoon climatic regions, the diurnal range of temperature is low along the coastal areas and high in the interior parts.

Answer the questions from 16 to 23 in three or more sentences. Each carries 3 scores.

16. (A) The division of labour that existed in the Indian caste system maintained a society with no social mobility. Substantiate the statement.

OR

- (B) Explain how various religions in India function as a tool for social control.

17. Analyse the Totalitarianism that emerged in Germany after the First World War.

18. (A) Elucidate the circumstances that led to the enactment of the Right to Information Act in India in 2005.

OR

- (B) Who appoints the Governor of a state? Mention the discretionary powers of the Governor.

19. A thermal power plant causes atmospheric pollution due to the intensive use of coal for the generation of electricity. Suggest any three eco-friendly alternative methods of generating electricity and explain the characteristics of each.

20. Based on the given news headline answer the following questions.

*The RBI decided to cut the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 1 percentage*

- (a) What do you mean by Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)?  
(b) Elucidate the effect of this decision on the money supply.

21. Write a short note on 'Champaran Struggle'.

22. Explain various payment systems that have emerged in the banking sector as a result of technology.

23. Elucidate the role of India's foreign policy in maintaining world peace.

Answer the questions from 24 to 29 in four or more sentences. Each carries 4 scores.

Score

6x4=24

24. (A) Explain the factors that led to the rise of middle class in France.

OR

(B) Napoleon's reforms laid the foundation of modern France. Substantiate the statement.

25. (A) A severe earthquake is experienced in a city situated on a plate margin. Which type of earthquake is this? Explain the reason for the occurrence of this type of earthquake.

OR

(B) It is required to construct a road in a hilly region with steep slopes. In this situation, considering the possibility of mass wasting, what precautions would you suggest?

26. (A) Knowledge economy brings changes in agricultural sector. Elucidate with examples.

OR

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28. Explain the objectives of consumer education.

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(B) The largest hot desert in Africa.

(C) The temperate grassland in Asia.

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Answer the questions 30 and 31 in detail. Each carries 5 scores.

Score  
2x5=10

30. (A) Analyse the development of Renaissance literature in various regional languages.

OR

(B) Subhash Chandra Bose took a different path to attain India's freedom. Substantiate your answer.

31. (A) Considering the factors that determine the velocity and strength of winds, answer the following questions :

(a) Identify the factors that determine wind velocity.

(b) How does the distribution of isobars influence wind velocity ?

(c) Why do winds blow more strongly over the sea than over land ?

OR

(B) Define the term 'weathering'. Explain how the following factors cause weathering :

(a) Temperature

(b) Roots of trees

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