

FREE PRACTICE PACK · EDITION 1

Class 8 Social Studies Olympiad practice

16 original questions + explained answers

For students preparing for SOF ISSO.

Inside this pack

Eight topic-practice questions and an eight-question, 20-minute mini-mock.

Topics selected for practice

- Modern history
- Resources
- Constitution
- Public facilities
- Economic activity

How to use it

Try the practice first. Complete the mini-mock in one sitting. Check the explanations, mark mistakes, and retry them the next day.

This pack covers selected topics. It is original BodhiScore material, independent of SOF, and is not an official paper or a full-length exam. Check the official syllabus for the complete scope.

Topic practice

Work through these eight questions without a timer. Explain your choice before checking the solutions.

1. Modern history

What was one effect of print culture on public debate?

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| A. Books disappeared | B. Only oral messages existed |
| C. Every claim became true | D. Ideas could reach more readers |
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2. Resources

Why is groundwater called a common resource in many places?

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| A. It is always unlimited | B. Many users depend on the same aquifer |
| C. It belongs to one raindrop | D. It cannot be used |
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3. Constitution

What does the rule of law mean?

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| A. Officials may ignore law | B. Only wealthy people have rights |
| C. Courts make weather | D. Law applies through established rules |
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Topic practice (continued)

4. Public facilities

Which is a public facility?

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| A. A family recipe | B. Safe drinking-water supply |
| C. A private diary | D. A personal bicycle |
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5. Economic activity

Which sector changes cotton into cloth?

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| A. Mining only | B. Household saving |
| C. Manufacturing | D. Agriculture |
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6. Modern history

Why do historians use more than one source for colonial history?

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| A. Evidence is unnecessary | B. Only pictures count |
| C. Sources may show different experiences | D. One source contains all voices |
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7. Resources

Which farming method can help conserve soil moisture?

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| A. Overwatering daily | B. Mulching |
| C. Burning all crop residue | D. Leaving land bare |
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Topic practice (continued)

8. Constitution

Which institution interprets laws and protects legal rights in disputes?

A. Sports club

B. Judiciary

C. Market

D. Museum

Timed mini-mock

Set a 20-minute timer for these eight questions. Score 1 point per correct answer; there is no penalty for an incorrect answer. This is BodhiScore's practice scoring.

9. Public facilities

Why should a city test drinking water regularly?

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| A. To avoid maintaining pipes | B. To make it salty |
| C. To identify safety risks | D. To change its colour |
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10. Economic activity

A tailor buys fabric, stitches uniforms and sells them. Which value-adding step is stitching?

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| A. Turning fabric into uniforms | B. Paying with coins |
| C. Transporting rain | D. Counting clouds |
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11. Modern history

A textbook quotes only an official report about a protest. What may be missing?

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| A. Protesters' perspectives | B. The report's date |
| C. Any language | D. All evidence |
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

12. Resources

A village pumps groundwater faster than rain can recharge it. What is the likely result?

- A.** Aquifer must rise
 - B.** Rain stops forever
 - C.** Soil becomes a map
 - D.** Water table may fall
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13. Constitution

A rule treats two people differently only because of religion. Which constitutional value is most directly at risk?

- A.** Monsoon
 - B.** Trade route
 - C.** Latitude
 - D.** Equality
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14. Public facilities

A town has limited funds. Which choice best promotes equitable sanitation?

- A.** Prioritise underserved areas too
 - B.** Serve only the richest lane
 - C.** Close all toilets
 - D.** Spend nothing on drainage
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

15. Economic activity

A worker is paid only when work is available and has no written contract. What risk is greatest?

- A.** Fixed pension
 - B.** No dependence on work
 - C.** Income insecurity
 - D.** Guaranteed promotion
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16. Constitution

A school rule bans only one language in a multilingual class without a learning reason. Which response best examines it?

- A.** Ask whether it is fair and justified
 - B.** Assume rules need no reasons
 - C.** Punish questions
 - D.** Ignore affected students
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Answers and explanations

Check why the answer works, then retry any question you missed.

1. D - Ideas could reach more readers

Printed material made it easier for ideas and arguments to circulate.

2. B - Many users depend on the same aquifer

Use by one person can affect the shared underground water source.

3. D - Law applies through established rules

Rule of law means public power is exercised under laws and legal procedures.

4. B - Safe drinking-water supply

Public water systems are services arranged for communities.

5. C - Manufacturing

Manufacturing transforms raw materials into products.

6. C - Sources may show different experiences

Different groups experienced events differently, and sources have limits.

7. B - Mulching

Mulch reduces evaporation and protects soil surface.

8. B - Judiciary

Courts in the judiciary decide cases and interpret law.

9. C - To identify safety risks

Testing can detect contamination and protect public health.

Answers and explanations (continued)

10. A - Turning fabric into uniforms

Stitching changes fabric into a more useful finished product.

11. A - Protesters' perspectives

Official records may not fully represent the views of people being governed or protesting.

12. D - Water table may fall

Over-extraction can lower the groundwater level.

13. D - Equality

Equality requires that people are not unfairly discriminated against.

14. A - Prioritise underserved areas too

Public facilities should reach people who otherwise lack access.

15. C - Income insecurity

Irregular work without protections can make earnings uncertain.

16. A - Ask whether it is fair and justified

Rules should be assessed for legitimate purpose and fair impact.

Topic scope checked against SOF syllabus: [SOF ISSO Class 8 syllabus](#)