

FREE PRACTICE PACK · EDITION 1

Class 9 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, 25-minute mini-mock.

Topics selected for practice

- Democracy
- India geography
- Economics
- French Revolution
- Climate

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. Democracy

Why are regular elections important in a representative democracy?

- A.** They end all disagreement
 - B.** They replace laws
 - C.** They guarantee one result
 - D.** They allow accountability
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2. India geography

What does a population density of 500 persons per km² describe?

- A.** Total rainfall
 - B.** Height of land
 - C.** Birth month
 - D.** Average people per area
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3. Economics

What is the opportunity cost of spending an hour watching a film instead of studying?

- A.** All future income
 - B.** Nothing
 - C.** The study time forgone
 - D.** The film ticket only
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Topic practice (continued)

4. French Revolution

Why was the Estates system criticised before the French Revolution?

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| A. There were no laws | B. Tax burdens were unequal |
| C. France had no people | D. All estates had identical privileges |
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5. Climate

Which factor most directly explains why coastal places often have smaller annual temperature ranges?

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| A. Mountains melt daily | B. Population controls heat |
| C. Sea moderates temperature | D. Latitude disappears |
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6. Democracy

What is an independent judiciary intended to help protect?

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| A. Fair legal decisions | B. One party's slogans |
| C. Private hobbies | D. Seasonal rainfall |
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7. India geography

Which river system forms the largest delta in the world with the Brahmaputra?

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| A. Ganga | B. Narmada |
| C. Tapi | D. Luni |
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Topic practice (continued)

8. Economics

Which is an example of a final good for a household?

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| A. Steel used in a factory | B. Cotton for a mill |
| C. A loaf of bread bought to eat | D. Flour bought by a bakery |
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Timed mini-mock

Set a 25-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. French Revolution

A political cartoon exaggerates a ruler's actions. How should a historian use it?

- A.** Ignore its date
 - B.** As evidence of viewpoint and criticism
 - C.** As an exact photograph
 - D.** As proof of every detail
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10. Climate

Which instrument measures rainfall?

- A.** Wind vane
 - B.** Rain gauge
 - C.** Barometer
 - D.** Thermometer
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11. Democracy

A newspaper criticises a government decision with evidence. Which democratic freedom supports this?

- A.** Right to pollute
 - B.** Right to ignore courts
 - C.** Freedom of expression
 - D.** Freedom from weather
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

12. India geography

Black soil is especially suitable for cotton partly because it ____.

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| A. has no minerals | B. retains moisture well |
| C. is always sandy | D. forms only in seas |
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13. Economics

A family earns ₹30,000 and spends ₹26,000 in a month. What is its monthly saving?

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| A. ₹56,000 | B. ₹26,000 |
| C. ₹0 | D. ₹4,000 |
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14. French Revolution

The Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen most strongly expressed which idea?

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| A. Citizens have rights | B. Kings are above law |
| C. Taxes need no reason | D. Only nobles are citizens |
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15. Climate

A weather report says humidity is high. What does that mean?

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| A. Air contains much water vapour | B. Air has no oxygen |
| C. Wind is always strong | D. Rain has already fallen |
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

16. Economics

Rice prices rise after a flood reduces harvests. Which explanation is strongest?

- A.** Money stopped existing
 - B.** All rice became free
 - C.** Floods increase every crop
 - D.** Supply fell while demand may remain
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Answers and explanations

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

1. D - They allow accountability

Elections allow citizens to retain or replace representatives.

2. D - Average people per area

Density relates population to a unit area.

3. C - The study time forgone

Opportunity cost is the value of the next best alternative given up.

4. B - Tax burdens were unequal

The Third Estate bore many taxes while privileged estates had exemptions.

5. C - Sea moderates temperature

Water heats and cools more slowly than land, moderating nearby temperatures.

6. A - Fair legal decisions

Independence helps courts decide cases under law rather than political pressure.

7. A - Ganga

The Ganga-Brahmaputra system forms the large Sundarbans delta.

8. C - A loaf of bread bought to eat

The household's bread is purchased for final consumption rather than further production.

Answers and explanations (continued)

9. B - As evidence of viewpoint and criticism

Cartoons reveal attitudes and arguments but often use exaggeration.

10. B - Rain gauge

A rain gauge collects and measures precipitation.

11. C - Freedom of expression

Freedom of expression enables public discussion and criticism.

12. B - retains moisture well

Black soil has good moisture-retention properties useful for cotton.

13. D - ₹4,000

Saving equals income minus expenditure: ₹30,000 – ₹26,000 = ₹4,000.

14. A - Citizens have rights

The Declaration asserted rights and equality of citizens in principle.

15. A - Air contains much water vapour

Humidity is the amount of water vapour in the air.

16. D - Supply fell while demand may remain

A harvest loss reduces supply, which can raise price if demand is unchanged.

Topic scope checked against SOF syllabus: [SOF ISSO Class 9 syllabus](#)