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Part-II
SECTION-A - HISTORY
Answer the following questions briefly:
1. What kind of major changes were witnessed in agriculture at the time of Janapadas and Mahajanapadas? 2m
2. What was the Silk route? Why did the kings want to control the silk route?

OR

What did the pilgrims write in the accounts of their journey to India? 2m

3. What were the main teachings of Mahavira? (ANY TWO) 2m
4. Answer the following questions in detail:
   4. “There were a number of problems that troubled Ashoka”. What were these problems that Ashoka wanted to solve by introducing Dhamma? 3m
   5. What was the system of ‘Ashramas’? Explain the four ashramas recognized by brahmins as a part of this system. 3m

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6. Why did the rajas of mahajanapadas build forts? 3m

7. "Kings adopted a number of steps to win the support of men who were powerful, either economically, or socially, or because of their military strength." What kind of administrative policies were being undertaken by the kings to keep these people under their influence?

OR

8. What does Ravikirti tell us about Pulakeshin II and his rule? 3m

9. 'Upanishads were the ideas presented through simple dialogues.' What were the questions that Upanishadic thinkers wanted to answer through these dialogues? 3m

9. On the political map of India, name and mark the following: (1*5= 5m)
   (a) Samath
   (b) Capital of Mauryan Empire
   (c) City where Ashoka decided not to fight any more wars
   (d) Kanauj
   (e) Thanesar

SECTION-B- CIVICS

10. Answer the following questions briefly:

10. List down a few activities being performed by people in villages for their daily subsistence. 2m

11. How does the Municipal Corporation earn the money to do its work? 2m

12. Who is a ward councillor? 2m

13. Answer the following questions in detail:

13. Who is the head of Gram Panchayat? List down the main tasks being done by the Gram Panchayat. (1+2=3m)

14. How do poor farmers get caught in the trap of loan? 3m

15. In what ways is a permanent job different from a casual job? 3m

16. 'Gram Sabha is a key factor in making the Gram Panchayat play its role and be responsible.' Elaborate. 3m

SECTION-C- GEOGRAPHY

17. Answer the following questions briefly:

17. How are mountains useful for us? 2m

18. Why do mountain climbers carry oxygen cylinders at higher altitudes? 2m
19. How are plains formed?  
20. Differentiate between the following:  
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23. Explain how Block mountains are formed along with the help of a diagram.  
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   (c) Neighbouring country lying on the north-western side of India  
   (d) The only ocean to be named after a country  
   (e) Our southern most neighbour attached with us through a strait