

**ICSE SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATION**  
**SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**  
**HISTORY & CIVICS**  
**H.C.G. Paper – 1**

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*Maximum Marks: 40*

*Time allowed: One hour (inclusive of reading time)*

**ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY.**

*The marks intended for questions are given in brackets [ ].*

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**Select the correct option for each of the following questions.**

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**Question 1**

If the strength of the House is 350 members, the quorum will be \_\_\_\_\_ . [1]

1. 36 members
2. 40 members
3. 60 members
4. 35 members

**Question 2**

Lok Sabha	550
Rajya Sabha	?

 [1]

1. 250
2. 545
3. 500
4. 350

**Question 3**

How many members of the Rajya Sabha retire once every two years? [1]

1. One-sixth
2. One-fourth
3. Two-third
4. One-third

**Question 4**

Residuary power refers to the power to make laws on subjects which are in the \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

1. Union List
2. State List
3. Concurrent List
4. Not part of these three lists

**Question 5**

Who determines the salaries and allowances of MPs and Ministers? [1]

1. The President
2. The Parliament
3. The Chairman of UPSC
4. The Finance Minister

**Question 6**

Who is empowered to promulgate an Ordinance when the Parliament is not in session? [1]

1. The Vice-President
2. The President
3. The Prime Minister
4. The Attorney General of India

**Question 7**

Which of the following procedures authorizes the Executive to draw funds from the Consolidated Fund until the Budget is passed by the Parliament? [1]

1. Vote on Account
2. Veto
3. Prorogation
4. Supplementary Grants

**Question 8**

Who elect the members of the Rajya Sabha? [1]

1. The members of the Lok Sabha
2. The members of the Vidhan Sabha
3. The members of the Vidhan Parishad
4. The Citizens of India

**Question 9**

Complete the given analogy. [1]

Lok Sabha : Speaker :: Rajya Sabha : ?

1. Vice President
2. Prime Minister
3. President
4. Chief Justice of India

**Question 10**

Which statement does not apply to the Subsidiary alliance? [1]

1. The kings virtually lost their powers
2. It was introduced by Lord Dalhousie
3. The kings had to maintain the British army at their cost
4. They had a British resident in their court

**Question 11**

The year in which the Congress was established- [1]

1. 1885
2. 1856
3. 1898
4. 1886

**Question 12**

Which of the following is a method of the Assertive Nationalists? [1]

- (i) Swadeshi
- (ii) Boycott
- (iii) Passive Resistance
- (iv) Revivalism

1. (i)
2. (ii)
3. (iii) and (iv)
4. All

**Question 13.**

Complete the given analogy. [1]

Simon Commission: Civil Disobedience Movement:: Cripps Mission :?

1. Non Cooperation Movement
2. Anti Partition Movement
3. Quit India Movement
4. Khilafat movement

**Question 14.**

The Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army: [1]

1. Subash Chandra Bose
2. Ras Behari Gosh
3. Jawaharlal Nehru
4. Lord Wavell

**Question 15.**

Which of these was not a provision of the Indian Independence Act, 1947? [1]

1. There would be a Governor General for each Dominion.
2. There would be no division of the army.
3. The office of the Secretary of State was abolished.
4. The jurisdiction of the British Parliament would end.

**Question 16.**

Replace the underlined word to correct the statement. [1]

Unity, Faith, Sacrifice was the motto of the Forward Bloc.

1. Indian National Congress
2. Indian National Army
3. East India Association
4. The Muslim League

**Question 17.**

\_\_\_\_\_ was denied pension under the Doctrine of Lapse [1]

1. Zeenat Mahal
2. Baji Rao II
3. Bahadur Shah Zafar
4. Nana Saheb

**Question 18.**

The General Service Enlistment Act implied that soldiers [1]

1. would not be given promotions
2. would have to travel overseas to fight
3. would be given less salaries
4. would not be given extra allowance

**Question 19.**

Mahatma Gandhi signed a pact with \_\_\_\_\_ to end the Civil Disobedience Movement. [1]

1. Lord Mountbatten
2. Lord Irwin
3. Lord Wavell
4. Stafford Cripps

**Question 20.**

The nationalists felt Bengal was partitioned. [1]

1. To divide Hindus and Muslims.
2. For effective administration.
3. To stop the spread of Swadeshi.
4. To help the Muslims.

**Question 21.**

When can the Parliament not legislate on subjects included in the State List? [1]

1. When the State is ruled by a coalition
2. During the Proclamation of an Emergency
3. When the Rajya Sabha passes a resolution by two-thirds majority
4. When two or more States are of the opinion the Parliament should legislate on the subject.

**Question 22.**

Which of these are not exclusive powers of the Lok Sabha? [1]

1. Introduction of a Money Bill
2. Passing of an Adjournment Motion
3. Passing of the No Confidence motion
4. Amendment of the Constitution

**Question 23.**

Assuming the powers of the State which is under an Emergency, is a \_\_\_\_\_ [1]  
power of the Parliament.

1. Financial
2. Emergency
3. Legislative
4. Executive

**Question 24.**

The right of the members to ask questions in the House is known as \_\_\_\_\_. [1]

1. Interpellation
2. Interjection
3. Defection
4. Prorogation

**Question 25.**

Who elect the Speaker of the Lok Sabha? [1]

1. The President
2. Only the members of the ruling party
3. The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
4. The members of the Lok Sabha.

**Question 26.**

The creation of a new All India Services is an exclusive power of the \_\_\_\_\_.

[1]

1. President
2. Lok Sabha
3. Rajya Sabha
4. Supreme Court

**Question 27.**

Which of the following is not the aim of the Muslim League?

[1]

1. To develop and consolidate the feelings of national unity among Muslims.
2. To protect and advance the political rights of Muslims.
3. To promote among Muslims of India, support for the British Government.
4. To prevent hostilities between Muslims and other communities.

**Question 28.**

Identify the clauses of the Rowlatt Act.

[1]

1. In camera trial
2. Arrest people with a warrant
3. Vernacular Press must not publish anything against the British
4. Compulsory License for arms

**Question 29.**

The Civil Disobedience Movement was launched in \_\_\_\_\_.

[1]

1. 1929
2. 1920
3. 1930
4. 1942

**Question 30.**

In 1857, the Hindu and Muslim soldiers refused to use the new cartridges because: [1]

1. they were greased with cow and pig fat
2. they were paid less salaries
3. they were forced to go abroad on duty
4. they were ill fed

**Question 31.**

To reorganise agriculture and industry on socialist lines was an aim of: [1]

1. Indian National Congress
2. The Indian National Army
3. The Forward Bloc
4. The Muslim League

**Question 32.**

Choose the correct option to match the following: [1]

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| (a) Jyothiba Phule      | (i) Indian National Congress |
| (b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy  | (ii) Forward Bloc            |
| (c) Subash Chandra Bose | (iii) Brahmo Samaj           |
| (d) A. O Hume           | (iv) Sathya Shodak Samaj     |

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|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (a) | 1. i   | 2. ii  | 3. iii | 4. iv  |
| (b) | 1. ii  | 2. I   | 3. iv  | 4. iii |
| (c) | 1. iii | 2. iv  | 3. i   | 4. ii  |
| (d) | 1. iv  | 2. iii | 3. ii  | 4. I   |

**Question 33.**

Read the passage given and answer the questions that follow-

*On February 4, 1922, a large group of nationalist volunteers had gathered on the streets of a small, obscure hamlet. More than a year had passed since Mahatma*

*Gandhi had launched the movement with the aim of attaining 'Purna Swaraj' (full independence). The volunteers marched through the streets shouting slogans of Gandhi and the Khilafat. Soon they walked into the police. Sticks and stones were thrown from one end in return for bullets from the other. As the crowd grew larger and fiercer, the cops retreated inside the police station. The protestors doused the building in kerosene and set it on fire. Twenty-three policemen perished. A total of 228 people were brought to trial in the incident, out of which 19 were sentenced to death.*

*Source- The Indian Express*

- (a) Where did this incident take place? [1]
1. Lahore
  2. Chauri Chaura
  3. Dandi
  4. Awadh
- (b) Which movement did Gandhiji withdraw because of this incident? [1]
1. Non-Cooperation Movement
  2. Civil Disobedience Movement
  3. Quit India Movement
  4. Anti Partition Movement
- (c) Identify the programmes which were adopted during this movement. [1]
1. Swadeshi and Boycott
  2. Violent agitations
  3. Walked barefoot and bathed in the Ganga
  4. Established many British schools
- (d) Identify any two impacts of the movement that was suspended due to this event. [1]
1. Instilled confidence in people
  2. Led to large scale communal riots
  3. Promoted Social reforms
  4. Led to the First Round table Conference

**Question 34.**

Look at the picture given below and answer the questions that follow:



- (a) Identify the man with Mahatma [1]
1. Lord Mountbatten
  2. Lord Curzon
  3. Lord Wavell
  4. Lord Dalhousie
- (b) He was deputed to India for the following reason: [1]
1. To implement Lord Wavell Plan
  2. For effective administration
  3. for peaceful transfer of power
  4. to delay the partition of India
- (c) Identify from the list, two proposals of the plan formulated by him. [1]
1. The country would be divided into two dominions
  2. Formation of a Constituent Assembly
  3. There would be grouping of provinces
  4. Setting up of a Boundary Commission

(d) Which of the following clauses about the Princely States was not part of the plan proposed by him? [1]

1. Princely states had to join only India
2. All treaties with the Princely states would come to an end
3. Princely states could remain independent
4. The states could join either India or Pakistan