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SUBJECT
**History & Political Science**

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2026 III 16 1100 -N 961- SOCIAL SCIENCES (73) HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE—PAPER I (E)

**(REVISED COURSE)**

**Time : 2 Hours** **(Pages 11)** **Max. Marks : 40**

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***Note :—*** **(1)** ***All*** **activities/questions are compulsory.**

**(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.**

**(3) Question Nos. 1 to 5 are based on History and Question Nos. 6 to 9 are based on Political Science.**

**(4) In question numbers 2(A) and 8(B), the appropriate answers are expected to be written in the concept map with pen/pencil.**

**(5) If the answers of question numbers 1(A), 1(B) and question number 6 are repeated in the answer sheet, then the first attempted answers only will be considered.**

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**1. (A) Choose the *correct* option from the given options and complete the sentences : 3**

(1) The earliest museum in the world was discovered in the excavations at the city of ..... .

(*a*) Delhi

(*b*) Harappa

(*c*) Ur

(*d*) Kolkata

(2) In Maharashtra, ..... is supposed to be the first *Keertankar*.

(*a*) Saint Dnyaneshwar

(*b*) Saint Tukaram

(*c*) Saint Namdev

(*d*) Saint Eknath

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(3) It may be said that ..... was the founder of modern historiography.

(*a*) Voltaire

(*b*) Rané Descartes

(*c*) Leopold Ranké

(*d*) Karl Marx

**(B) Identify and write the wrong pair in the following sets : 3**

(1) (*i*) 'Prabhakar' — Acharya P.K. Atre

(*ii*) 'Darpan' — Balshastri Jambhekar

(*iii*) 'Deenbandhu' — Krishnarao Bhalekar

(*iv*) 'Kesari' — Bal Gangadhar Tilak

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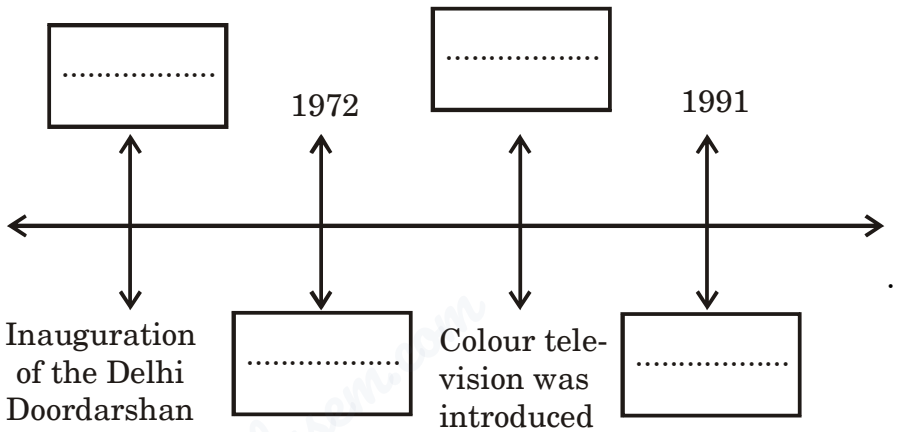
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| (2) | (*i*) | Balambhat Deodhar | — | Mallakhamb |
| | (*ii*) | Khashaba Jadhav | — | Football |
| | (*iii*) | Major Dhyan Chand | — | Hockey |
| | (*iv*) | Sachin Tendulkar | — | Cricket |
| (3) | (*i*) | Maharaja Sayajirao University | — | Delhi |
| | (*ii*) | Banaras Hindu University | — | Varanasi |
| | (*iii*) | Aligarh Muslim University | — | Aligarh |
| | (*iv*) | Jivaji University | — | Gwalior |

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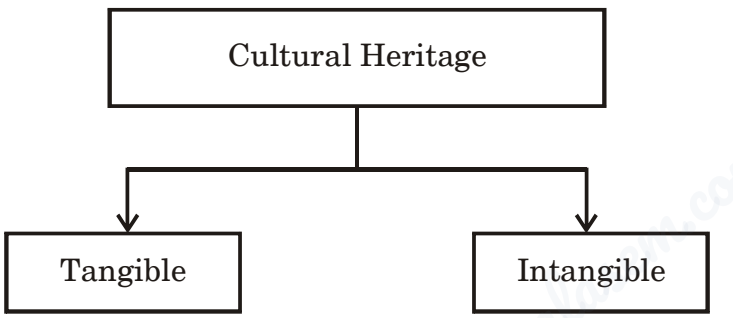
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**2. (A) Do as directed (any *two*) :** **4**

(1) Complete the time line related to Television :




(2) Complete the following tree diagram :




(1) .....
(2) .....

(1) .....
(2) .....

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(3) Complete the following table :

| World Famous Museums | Country |
|---|---|
| (*i*) Louvre Museum | ..... |
| (*ii*) ..... | England |
| (*iii*) Salarjang Museum | ..... |
| (*iv*) ..... | United States of America |

**(B) Write short notes (any *two*) :** **4**

(1) Nationalistic Historiography

(2) Applied History

(3) Marco Polo.

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**3.** Explain the following statements with reasons (any ***two***) : **4**

(1) An expert with deep understanding of art history is required in the art market.

(2) Only trained persons who are duly qualified can take up the tasks involved in the work of conservation and preservation.

(3) Historical research was driven to focus in depth on various aspects of women's life.

(4) Expertise in history is important in the film industry.

**4. Read the following passage and answer the questions based on it :**

**Sohagaura Copper–Plate :** The copper-plate was found at Sohagaura (District Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh). It is supposed to be from the Mauryan period. The inscription on it is in Brahmi Script. The symbols known as 'Tree-in-railing' and 'Mountain' at the beginning of the inscription also occur on punch marked coins. Another symbol which looks like a structure erected

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on four pillars is supposed to be indicative of a granary. The inscription records a royal order that the grains stored in the granary should be distributed carefully. It is supposed to be suggestive of precautions taken in the times of a famine.

*Questions* :

(1) To which period does the Sohagaura copper-plate belong ? 1

(2) What script do we find on the Sohagaura copper-plate ? 1

(3) Write the historical importance of Sohagaura copper-plate. 2

**5. Answer the following questions in detail (any *two*) : 6**

(1) Explain the characteristics of the Islamic Architecture in India with examples.

(2) Write about the history of Aakashvani.

(3) Explain the difference between indoor and outdoor games.

(4) What measures have to be taken for the conservation of the Heritage sites ?

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**6. Choose the *correct* option from the given options and complete the statements : 2**

(1) The power to make changes in the Constitution without altering the basic structure of the Constitution lies with ..... .

(*a*) Parliament

(*b*) Citizens

(*c*) President

(*d*) Vice-President

(2) To increase agricultural production and become self-sufficient with regard to food grains, ..... was initiated.

(*a*) Water revolution

(*b*) Green revolution

(*c*) Industrial revolution

(*d*) White revolution

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**7. State whether the following statements are true *or* false. Give reasons for your answers (any *two*) : 4**

(1) Policy of reservation of seats is important for the establishment of social justice and equality.

(2) The state government decides as to when and in how many stages the elections would be held in a particular state.

(3) People may lose confidence in the democratic process due to the corruption during elections.

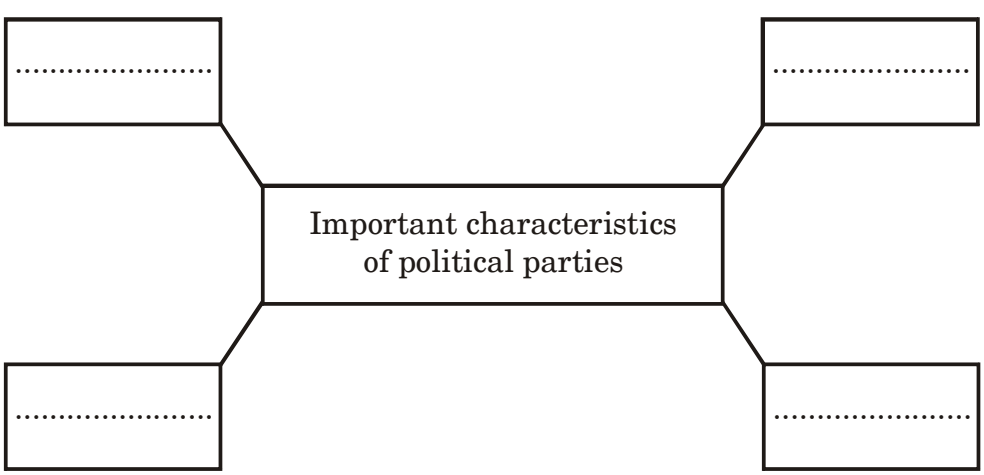
**8. (A) Explain the following concepts (any *one*) : 2**

(1) Regionalism

(2) Women representation in the Lok Sabha.

**(B) Do as directed (any *one*) : 2**

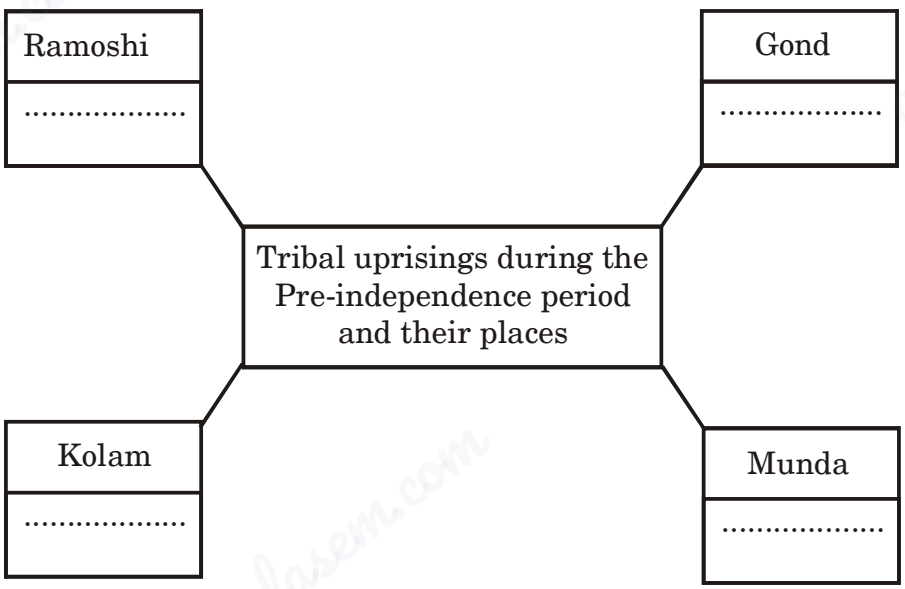
(1) Complete the following concept map :



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(2) Complete the following concept map :




**9. Answer the following questions in brief (any *one*) : 2**

(1) Explain the challenges in conducting free and fair elections.

(2) What efforts are undertaken to bring transparency in political process ?