

First Term exam 2025

Answer key

Social Science

STD VI

Q.1 Athens and Sparta

a) Concept Map

- Athens
 - Birthplace of Democracy – People participated in decision making.
 - Education, art, architecture, philosophy flourished.
 - Importance to literature, theatre, and sculpture.
- Sparta
 - Aristocracy (ruled by nobles).
 - Military training and discipline given importance.
 - Boys trained as soldiers from childhood.
 - Less importance to art and culture.

b) Correct statements about Ancient Greece:

- A) Olympics started here.
- D) It was the birth place of Western civilization.

(Textbook Reference: *Chapter 1 – Ancient Civilizations and Their Contributions*)

Q.2 Early Humans

a) Correct order of human evolution

1. Hominids – Walked on four legs.
2. Hominoids – Walked on two legs.
3. Homo erectus – Upright humans.
4. Homo habilis – Tool makers.

Answer: 1 – c, 2 – d, 3 – b, 4 – a

b) Mesolithic → Neolithic developments

- Agriculture began – Humans started cultivating crops.
- Domestication of animals – Cattle, sheep, and goats were reared.
- Permanent settlements – People began living in huts or mud houses.
- Tools – Use of polished stone tools increased.
- Pottery – For storing food and cooking.
- Weaving – Cloth making started.

(Textbook Reference: *Chapter 2 – Early Human Life*)

Q.3 (A) Bronze Age Civilizations

a) Incorrect statement:

- B) The writing system of the Mesopotamians is known as 'sacred writing'.
(Correct: Their writing was *Cuneiform*, not sacred writing. "Sacred writing" refers to Egyptian hieroglyphics.)

b) Features of Civilizations

Egyptian Civilization	Mesopotamian Civilization
The Gift of Nile	The region between rivers (Tigris and Euphrates)
The city of Cairo	The city of Lagash
The Lunar Calendar	—
Pyramids	—

OR – Q.3 (B)

a) Writing Systems

- Cuneiform Script – Mesopotamian Civilization.
- Hieroglyphic Script – Egyptian Civilization.

b) Comparison

- Cuneiform
 - Wedge-shaped symbols.
 - Written on clay tablets using a stylus.
 - Mainly used for trade, accounts, and administrative purposes.
- Hieroglyphics
 - Pictorial writing using images and symbols.

- Written on papyrus, temple walls, and monuments.
- Used for religious texts, sacred inscriptions, and royal records.

(Textbook Reference: *Chapter 3 – Bronze Age Civilizations*)

Q.4 Latitudes and Longitudes

a) Not a feature of the Equator:

- D) Connects the poles. (Meridians connect the poles, not the equator.)

b) Model of Globe (to be drawn by students)

- Equator divides Earth into Northern and Southern Hemisphere.
- Mark and label:
 - Arctic Circle – $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N
 - Tropic of Cancer – $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N
 - Tropic of Capricorn – $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S
 - Antarctic Circle – $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S

(Textbook Reference: *Chapter 4 – Locating Places on Earth*)

Q.5 State

a) Correct Statements

- A) The state protects the rights of the people.
- C) For the existence of a state, a permanent and well-defined territory is essential.

b) Debate Points – Role of Government in Welfare

- Provides basic facilities like food, shelter, education, and healthcare.
- Ensures law and order to protect people's life and property.
- Protects the rights and freedoms of citizens.
- Implements developmental projects – roads, electricity, water supply.
- Works for social justice and equality.
- Provides relief and support during disasters.

(Textbook Reference: *Chapter 5 – State and Society*)

Q.6 (A) Buddhism and Jainism

a) Tri-Ratna of Jainism

- Right Belief, Right Knowledge, Right Action

b) Ideals of Jainism and Buddhism

Jainism	Buddhism
All things have life (plants, animals, humans).	Do not harm others.
Practice of strict Ahimsa (non-violence).	Follow Eightfold Path.
Emphasis on penance and self-discipline.	Middle path – avoid extremes of luxury and suffering.

OR – Q.6 (B) Magadha

a) Factors for Growth of Magadha

- Fertile soil due to Ganges river and tributaries → abundant crops.
- Rich natural resources like iron ore for weapons and tools.
- Dense forests supplied timber and elephants for war.
- Favorable location for trade and transport.
- Strong rulers like Bimbisara and Ajatashatru built powerful armies.

b) Incorrect statement about Magadha:

- B) Pataliputra served as the earlier capital of Magadha.
(Correct: Earlier capital was *Rajagriha*, later shifted to Pataliputra.)