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MARKING SCHEME

Class: IX
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Max Marks: 25
Roll no:

INSTRUCTION:

- I. Question paper comprises five Sections–A, B, C, D and E. There are 11 questions in the question paper.
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. Section A –Question 1 to 4 are MCQs of 1 mark each.
- IV. Section B–Question no.5 to 8 is Very Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 2 marks each. Answer to each question should not exceed 20-40 words.
- V. Section C–Question no.9 is Short Answer Type Questions, carrying 3 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 40-60 words.
- VI. Section D–Question no.10 is Long Type Question, carrying 5 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 80-100 words.
- VII. Section E–Question no.11 is Map based question, carrying 5 marks.

SECTION-A

1. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read these statements and choose the correct answer from the given options- 1

Assertion (A): Karl Marx believed that workers would overthrow capitalism.

Reason (R): According to him, capitalist profit was produced by workers while capitalists earned without labour.

- a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- c) A is correct but R is wrong.
- d) A is wrong but R is correct.

2. Who among the following wanted a nation that tolerated all religions? 1

- a) Conservatives b) **Liberals** c) Radicals d) Socialists

3. What was a major problem faced by industrial workers? 1

- a) Very short working hours b) High wages
- c) **Poor housing and sanitation** d) Free medical services

4. Match the houses of Parliament with their features: 1

Column A	Column A
a. Lok Sabha	1. Presiding Officer of Lok Sabha

b. Rajya Sabha	2.Represents the States
c. Speaker	3.Directly elected by the people
d. Vice President	4. Chairperson of Rajya Sabha

(a) a-2, b-1, c-3, d-4 (b) a-3, b-1, c-2, d-4 (c) **a-3, b-2, c-1, d-4** (d) a-1, b-3, c-2, d-4

SECTION –B

5. What was the Second International?

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Answer:

The Second International was an international organisation formed by socialists to coordinate their activities, spread socialist ideas, and support workers' movements across different countries.

6. Explain the economic condition of the workers before the Russian Revolution.

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Answer: Most of the industries were the private property of the industrialists. Most of the workers were working for about 10 to 12 hours a day.

- **They were paid very low wages.**
- **The working conditions were also very poor.**
- **Women workers made up about 31% of the factory labour, but they were paid less than men.**

7. What is judicial review?

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Answer: Judicial review is the power of the Supreme Court and High Courts to examine laws or executive actions and strike them down if they violate the Constitution.

8. Why is the Lok Sabha considered more powerful than the Rajya Sabha?

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Answer: The Lok Sabha controls the Council of Ministers and can pass a no-confidence motion. In joint sessions, its larger membership gives it an advantage. It also has more powers in money matters, as the Rajya Sabha can only delay money bills.

SECTION C

9. Describe the events of Bloody Sunday and its impact.

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Answer:

- **On 22 January 1905, workers marched peacefully to the Winter Palace to present their demands.**
- **The police and Cossacks fired on them, killing and wounding hundreds.**
- **This shocking incident led to strikes, walkouts by students, formation of unions, and countrywide protests, marking the beginning of the 1905 Revolution.**

SECTION D

10. During a school's annual civic education fair, students were asked to simulate how the Indian Parliament works. The coordinator selected two students to form their own political parties and prepare for forming a government. She then gave them a choice: they could decide whether their party would enjoy a majority in the simulated Lok Sabha or in the simulated Rajya Sabha. If you were participating in this activity, which House would you prefer to have a majority in, and why? 5

Answer -I would choose to have a majority in the mock Lok Sabha. This is because:

- 1. Lok Sabha members represent the people directly, as they are elected by the citizens, so it has greater democratic legitimacy.**
- 2. Ordinary laws require approval from both Houses, but if there is a disagreement, a joint session is called—and the decision of the Lok Sabha is more likely to prevail because it has more members.**
- 3. Money bills can only be introduced in the Lok Sabha, and the Rajya Sabha cannot reject them; it can only suggest changes.**
- 4. The Lok Sabha controls the Council of Ministers, and the government stays in power only if it has the support of the majority in the Lok Sabha.**

Therefore, having a majority in the Lok Sabha gives much greater influence over law-making and the functioning of the government.

SECTION E

11. Locate and label any two Central powers and Three Allied powers on the outline political map of World: 5

