

TERM WISE SYLLABUS BREAK-UP FOR SESSION 2026-27
CLASS VIII
NCERT: EXPLORING SOCIETY: INDIA AND BEYOND

PART-1

FIRST PERIODIC ASSESSMENT SYLLABUS:			PERIODS	MONTH
THEME	TOPIC	SUBTOPICS		
	THEME A CH-1: NATURAL RESOURCES AND THEIR USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural resources and their use • When does nature become resource? • Categories of Natural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Resources essential for life -Resources for material -Resources for energy: Renewable and Non-renewable resources • Distribution of Natural Resources and its Implications • The 'Natural Resource Curse' • Responsible and Wise use of Natural Resources: Stewardship • Restoration and regeneration of renewable resources • Responsible and judicious use of Resources 	1 1 1 1 1 1	APRIL (6)
THEME A AND B	THEME B CH-2: RESHAPING INDIA'S POLITICAL MAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the latter Medieval period • Rise and fall of the Delhi sultanate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Resistance to the Delhi Sultanate • The Vijayanagara Empire -Krishnadevaraya • The Mughals -Resistance to the Mughals • Surge of the Rajputs • The Ahoms 	1 1 1 1	APRIL (6)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rise of the Sikhs • Administering India -Administration under the Delhi sultanate -The Mughal administrative framework • People's life 	1 1	
	HALF YEARLY ASSESSMENT SYLLABUS:			
THEME	TOPIC	SUBTOPICS		
THEME B, C, D, E	THEME B CH-3: THE RISE OF THE MARATHAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the Marathas? • Foundation of Maratha Power and the Rise of Shivaji • The Maratha after Shivaji • Maratha Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Civilian administration -Military administration -Maritime supremacy -Judicial system -Trade networks • Cultural Revival • The Maratha legacy 	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	MAY (6)
	THEME B CH-4: THE COLONIAL ERA IN INDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Age of Colonialism • Europeans in India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Portuguese -The Dutch -The French • Enter the British -From traders to ruler • From Paradise to hell? • Changing landscapes 	1 1 1	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Resistance Movements Challenging Colonial Authority • The Great Rebellion of 1857 • The Legacy of European Colonialism in India 	1 1 1	
	THEME D CH-5: UNIVERSAL FRANCHISE AND INDIA'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Adult Franchise • Bridging Barriers, Enabling Participation: Ensuring Universal Franchise • The Role of Election Commission of India (ECI) - a brief introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Managing the electoral processes -Model Code of Conduct (MCC) • Understanding election in India a very brief overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Election to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies -Election to the Rajya Sabha -Election of the President of India -Election of the Vice President of India • Challenges and the Road Ahead 	1 1 1 1 1 1	JULY (6)
	THEME D CH-6: THE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM: LEGISLATURE AND EXECUTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Parliamentary System • Composition of the Parliament of India • Function • Legislative Functions of the Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Constitutional function -Law making -Executive accountability -Financial accountability • Executive function of Parliament • The President the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers 	1 1 1 1 1	AUGUST (6)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Judiciary- Role of the Checks and Balances • Legislative and Executive functions at the state level • Challenges to the effective functioning of the legislatures 	1 1	
	THEME E CH-7: FACTORS OF PRODUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Factors of Production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Land -Labour -Capital -Entrepreneurship • Technology an Enabler of Production • How are the factors connected? • Responsibilities towards Factors of Production 	1 2 1 1 1	AUGUST (6)
	MAP WORK			6