



Class 9 Social Science – Chapter 1

Important Questions – Understanding Social Science

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Here is a website-ready set of **important questions** based on Chapter 1, covering the concepts students are most likely to need for revision and examinations.



Very Short Answer Questions

1. What is Social Science?
 2. Name the major disciplines of Social Science.
 3. What does History study?
 4. What is Geography concerned with?
 5. What does Political Science study?
 6. What is Economics?
 7. What does Sociology study?
 8. Why is Social Science important for understanding society?
 9. What is meant by a primary source in Social Science?
 10. What is a secondary source?
 11. Why are maps important in Social Science?
 12. What is meant by evidence?
 13. Why do Social Scientists use different types of sources?
 14. How does Social Science help us understand the present?
 15. Why is it important to study society from different perspectives?
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Short Answer Questions

1. What is Social Science? Explain its importance.

- 2. Explain the relationship between History and Geography.**
 - 3. How does Political Science help us understand society?**
 - 4. What is the role of Economics in understanding everyday life?**
 - 5. How does Sociology help us understand social relationships?**
 - 6. Why cannot one discipline alone provide a complete understanding of society?**
 - 7. Explain how different Social Science disciplines are interconnected.**
 - 8. Why is evidence important in the study of Social Science?**
 - 9. Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.**
 - 10. Why should historians and other Social Scientists examine sources critically?**
 - 11. How can maps and geographical information help in understanding historical events?**
 - 12. How does the study of Social Science develop critical thinking?**
 - 13. Why is it important to understand different viewpoints while studying society?**
 - 14. How can Social Science help students become responsible citizens?**
 - 15. Explain how Social Science connects the past, present and future.**
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Long Answer Questions

- 1. Explain the major branches of Social Science and describe what each discipline studies.**

Include:

- 🏺 History
 - 🌍 Geography
 - 🏛️ Political Science
 - 💰 Economics
 - 👥 Sociology
 - 🔗 Their interconnections
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2. “Social Science is an interconnected field of study.” Explain.

Discuss how:

History + Geography + Political Science + Economics + Sociology

work together to provide a broader understanding of society.

3. Explain the importance of sources and evidence in Social Science.

Discuss:

- 📜 Written sources
- 🏺 Material/archaeological sources
- 🗺️ Maps
- 📊 Data and statistics
- 📄 Contemporary records
- 🗣️ Oral sources

Also explain why sources need to be critically examined.

4. How does Social Science help us understand changes in society?

Explain how social, political, economic and geographical changes influence people's lives.

5. Why is a multidisciplinary approach important for studying society?

Give suitable examples showing how the same issue can be studied from different Social Science perspectives.



HOTS / Analytical Questions

- 1. Suppose a city experiences rapid population growth. Which branches of Social Science would you use to study this change? Explain.**
 - 2. A historical event took place in a particular geographical region. Why is knowledge of Geography useful for understanding the event?**
 - 3. Two historians interpret the same historical event differently. Why might this happen?**
 - 4. Why should we not accept every source of information as completely reliable?**
 - 5. How can economic conditions influence political and social life?**
 - 6. How can geographical conditions influence the development of human settlements?**
 - 7. Why is it important to distinguish between facts, interpretations and opinions while studying Social Science?**
 - 8. How can the study of Social Science help us understand problems faced by modern society?**
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Case-Based Questions

Case Study 1

A village is located near a river. Over time, its population increases. Agriculture expands, markets develop and a local government is established. Later, floods cause damage to houses and farmland.

Questions:

- a. Which branch of Social Science would help study the river and physical environment?**

- b. Which discipline would help study the village's political administration?
 - c. Which discipline would help analyse agricultural production and markets?
 - d. Why would more than one Social Science discipline be useful for understanding this village?
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Case Study 2

A researcher wants to understand how a community lived 200 years ago. She studies old letters, government records, buildings, maps and oral accounts.

Questions:

- a. Why are different sources useful?
 - b. Which of these could be considered written sources?
 - c. Why should the researcher compare different sources?
 - d. What could happen if she relied on only one source?
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Assertion–Reason Questions

1. Assertion:

Social Science disciplines are interconnected.

Reason: Social, political, economic, geographical and historical factors influence one another.

2. Assertion:

Evidence is important in Social Science.

Reason: Social Scientists use evidence to support and evaluate interpretations.

3. Assertion:

Geography can help us understand historical developments.

Reason: Physical and human geography can influence where people live and how societies develop.

4. Assertion:

A single source is always sufficient to understand a historical event.

Reason: Different sources can provide different perspectives and evidence.

Important Questions for Exam Revision

If students have limited time, these are the **Top 10 questions** to prepare first:

1. ★ What is Social Science? Explain its importance.
 2. ★ Explain the major disciplines of Social Science.
 3. ★ Why are different Social Science disciplines interconnected?
 4. ★ Explain the relationship between History and Geography.
 5. ★ What is the importance of evidence in Social Science?
 6. ★ Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
 7. ★ Why should sources be critically examined?
 8. ★ How does Social Science develop critical thinking?
 9. ★ How does Social Science help us understand present-day society?
 10. ★ Why is a multidisciplinary approach important in Social Science?
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Quick Revision

Social Science



History → Past events and change



Geography → Places, environment and people



Political Science → Government, power and citizenship



Economics → Resources, production and choices



Sociology → Society and social relationships



Together they help us understand:

People + Places + Society + Economy + Government + Change