



Class 9 Social Science – Chapter 1

Understanding Social Science – Free Worksheets

Book: *Understanding Society: India and Beyond – Grade 9, Part 1*

Chapter 1: Understanding Social Science

The worksheets below are based on the textbook's treatment of Social Science as an interconnected group of disciplines, especially **Geography, History, Political Science and Economics**, along with the importance of observation, evidence, reasoning and connections between society, people and places.



WORKSHEET 1 – Basics of Social Science

Name: _____

Class: _____ **Date:** _____

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. Social Science helps us understand how _____ and societies function.
 2. Geography studies the Earth, its environments and the relationship between people and their _____.
 3. History examines the human _____.
 4. Political Science studies systems of _____, power, rights and responsibilities.
 5. Economics studies how societies produce, distribute and utilise _____.
 6. Social Scientists gather information from multiple _____.
 7. Social Science helps us understand how the _____ shapes the present.
 8. Geography uses tools such as maps, globes, atlases and _____.
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B. Match the Following

Column A

Column B

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| 1. Geography | a. Human past |
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| 2. History | b. Resources |
| 3. Political Science | c. Earth and surroundings |
| 4. Economics | d. Governance and power |

Answers:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

C. Choose the Correct Answer

1. Which of the following is one of the four core Social Science disciplines for Grades 9–10?

- a) Chemistry
- b) Geography
- c) Physics
- d) Biology

2. Which discipline helps us understand how societies change over time?

- a) History
- b) Economics
- c) Geography
- d) Political Science

3. Which discipline studies governance and citizens' rights and responsibilities?

- a) History
- b) Geography
- c) Political Science
- d) Economics

4. Which discipline studies production, distribution and utilisation of resources?

- a) Economics
 - b) History
 - c) Geography
 - d) Political Science
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WORKSHEET 2 – Think, Analyse & Connect

Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

A. True or False

Write **True** or **False**.

1. Social Science is a single discipline. _____
 2. Geography studies relationships between people and their surroundings. _____
 3. History helps us understand changes over time. _____
 4. Political Science studies only elections. _____
 5. Economics examines how societies use resources. _____
 6. Social Scientists use evidence to develop explanations. _____
 7. Different Social Science disciplines are completely unrelated. _____
 8. Social Science can help us understand challenges faced by society. _____
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B. Identify the Discipline

Read each situation and write the most relevant Social Science discipline.

1. A study examines why a particular city is located near a river.

Answer: _____

2. A researcher studies how a society changed over the last 500 years.

Answer: _____

3. A study examines how a government makes decisions affecting citizens.

Answer: _____

4. A researcher studies how resources are distributed among different groups.

Answer: _____

C. Complete the Connections

Fill in the missing words.

Geography → People + _____

History → Human _____

Political Science → Governance + _____

Economics → Resources + _____

D. Short Answer Questions

1. Why is Social Science not limited to only one subject?

2. Why do Social Scientists use information from multiple sources?

3. How does Social Science help us understand the present?

4. Why is careful observation important in Social Science?



WORKSHEET 3 – HOTS & Application

Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____



Case Study

A village has changed significantly during the last five years. A new road has been built, more people have started using digital technology, some agricultural land has been converted into housing, and many young people have moved to a nearby city for employment.

Answer the following:

1. Which Social Science discipline could help study the location and physical surroundings of the village?

2. Which discipline could help examine changes in employment and economic activities?

3. Which discipline could help study migration and changes in society?

4. Which discipline could help examine government decisions related to roads and development?

5. Why would it be better to use more than one Social Science discipline to understand this situation?

 Higher-Order Thinking Questions

6. A drought affects a village.

The drought causes crop failure, reduces farmers' incomes, leads some people to migrate to cities and requires government relief.

Which Social Science disciplines would you use to study this situation? Explain the role of each.

The textbook itself uses a similar example of drought to demonstrate why different Social Science disciplines are needed to understand one complex situation.

7. “Social Science connects the past, present and future.”

Explain this statement in your own words.

8. Observe your locality.

Identify **one change** that has taken place during the past five years.

What was the situation earlier?

What has changed?

What might have caused the change?

How has it affected people's lives?

This activity follows the textbook's own “Let's Analyse” activity.



BONUS – Quick Revision Quiz

Circle the correct answer.

1. Social Science helps us understand:

- A. Only the natural world
- B. Only the past
- C. People, society and their systems
- D. Only government

2. Which tool is particularly associated with Geography?

- A. Map
- B. Balance sheet
- C. Constitution
- D. Election manifesto

3. Which discipline studies governance?

- A. Economics
- B. Political Science
- C. History
- D. Geography

4. Which discipline examines human history?

- A. Economics
- B. Geography
- C. History
- D. Political Science

5. Social Scientists support explanations using:

- A. Guesswork
- B. Evidence
- C. Rumours
- D. Personal preference

6. Which statement is correct?

- A. Social Science disciplines are unrelated.
- B. Only History studies society.
- C. Social Science uses different perspectives to understand society.
- D. Social Science does not use evidence.



ANSWER KEY

Worksheet 1

A. Fill in the Blanks

1. people
2. surroundings
3. past
4. governance
5. resources
6. sources
7. past
8. GIS

B. Match

- 1 – c
- 2 – a
- 3 – d
- 4 – b

C. MCQs

1. b) Geography
 2. a) History
 3. c) Political Science
 4. a) Economics
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Worksheet 2

A. True/False

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. True

B. Identify the Discipline

1. **Geography**
2. **History**
3. **Political Science**
4. **Economics**

C. Complete

- Geography → People + **environment/surroundings**
 - History → Human **past**
 - Political Science → Governance + **power**
 - Economics → Resources + **production/distribution/utilisation**
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Bonus Quiz Answers

1. **C**
2. **A**
3. **B**
4. **C**
5. **B**
6. **C**