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LAST MINUTE REVISION + MISCONCEPTIONS + AREAS OF ERROR

LAST MINUTE REVISION WORKSHEET

CBSE Class X Social Science (2025-26) | Key Facts + Misconceptions + Areas of Error | All 4 Subjects

MISCONCEPTION	AREA OF ERROR	EXAM TIP	KEY FACT
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HISTORY (India and the Contemporary World - II)

Ch.1 Rise of Nationalism in Europe

Key Topic	Year/Person	Quick Revision Point
French Revolution	1789	Sovereignty transferred from monarchy to body of citizens. Nationalism first emerged here.
Napoleon Code	1804	Abolished privileges, equality before law. But imposed French rule, seen as invader later.
Treaty of Vienna	1815	Bourbon dynasty restored. Conservative regimes set up. Undid most of Napoleon's changes.
Zollverein	1834	Prussian customs union - abolished tariff barriers among German states. Economic unification before political.
Mazzini	Italy	Founded Young Italy, Young Europe. Believed in Republic. Inspired but did not achieve unification.
Cavour	Sardinia-Piedmont	Chief Minister. Used diplomacy + France alliance. United north Italy through war, not revolution.
Garibaldi	Southern Italy	Led Red Shirts. Conquered Sicily & Naples. Handed south to King Victor Emmanuel II.
Bismarck	Prussia	Blood and Iron policy. 3 wars (Denmark, Austria, France) to unify Germany under Prussian king.

!! COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- WRONG:** Mazzini unified Italy. **CORRECT:** Mazzini inspired, but Cavour (diplomacy) and Garibaldi (military) actually unified Italy.
- WRONG:** Nationalism started in Germany. **CORRECT:** It started in France with the French Revolution of 1789.
- WRONG:** Zollverein was a political union. **CORRECT:** It was only a CUSTOMS/ECONOMIC union abolishing trade barriers.

XX AREAS OF ERROR

- Confusing Cavour (diplomacy, north) with Garibaldi (military, south) - students swap their roles.
- Writing "Treaty of Versailles" instead of "Treaty of Vienna" (1815). Versailles was 1919 after WWI.
- Mixing up Romanticism (cultural movement promoting national feeling) with the Romantic love meaning.

Ch.2 Nationalism in India

Key Event	Year	Quick Revision Point
Rowlatt Act	1919	Detention without trial. Nationwide hartal on 6 April 1919. Led to Jallianwala Bagh.
Jallianwala Bagh	13 Apr 1919	General Dyer fired on unarmed crowd in Amritsar. Hundreds killed. Turned India against British.
Khilafat Movement	1919-1920	Muhammad Ali & Shaukat Ali. To restore Ottoman Caliph. Gandhi supported to unite Hindu-Muslim.
Non-Cooperation	1920-1922	Boycott of schools, courts, councils, foreign goods. Withdrew after Chauri Chaura violence (Feb 1922).
Simon Commission	1928	All-white commission. No Indian member. "Go Back Simon" protests nationwide.
Lahore Congress	Dec 1929	Demand for Purna Swaraj (complete independence). 26 Jan 1930 = Independence Day.
Dandi March	12 Mar - 6 Apr 1930	Gandhi + 78 volunteers. 240 miles from Sabarmati to Dandi. Broke salt law. Started Civil Disobedience.

Key Event	Year	Quick Revision Point
Gandhi-Irwin Pact	1931	Gandhi agreed to attend Round Table Conference. CDM called off. Political prisoners released.
Poona Pact	1932	Gandhi vs Ambedkar on separate electorates. Compromise: reserved seats WITHIN general electorate.

!! COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- **WRONG:** NCM was withdrawn because British pressured Gandhi. **CORRECT:** Gandhi himself withdrew after Chauri Chaura violence (22 policemen killed).
- **WRONG:** Dandi March was 240 km. **CORRECT:** It was 240 MILES (about 385 km), not kilometers.
- **WRONG:** Ambedkar opposed reservation. **CORRECT:** He wanted SEPARATE electorates. Gandhi opposed separate electorates, not reservation.

XX AREAS OF ERROR

- Confusing dates: Jallianwala Bagh (1919) vs Chauri Chaura (1922) vs Dandi March (1930). Students mix these up frequently.
- Writing "Non-Cooperation" for Civil Disobedience and vice versa. NCM = boycott (1920). CDM = breaking laws (1930).
- Forgetting that Khilafat was about OTTOMAN EMPIRE (Turkey), not about Indian Muslims' local issues.

Ch.3 The Making of a Global World

Key Concept	Details	Quick Point
Three Flows	Trade, Labour, Capital	These 3 flows connected the pre-modern world. NOT technology (common MCQ trap).
Silk Routes	Before Christian Era - 15th C	Connected Asia-Europe-N.Africa. Spread Buddhism, trade goods, cultural ideas.
Corn Laws	Britain, abolished mid-1800s	Restricted grain imports. Abolition led to cheap food imports, British farmers migrated overseas.
Rinderpest	1890s, Africa	Cattle plague from British Asia. Killed 90% African cattle. Europeans gained control.
Indentured Labour	19th century	Workers from India to Caribbean, Fiji, Mauritius. "Girmitiya" from agreement/girmit.
Great Depression	1929-1935	US stock crash. Banks failed. Trade halved. Indian exports collapsed. Farmers worst hit.
Bretton Woods	1944	Created IMF + World Bank. Fixed exchange rates. Dollar linked to gold at \$35/ounce.
G-77	1964	Group of developing nations. Demanded New International Economic Order against western dominance.

!! COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- **WRONG:** 4 flows in international exchange. **CORRECT:** Only 3 flows - trade, labour, capital. Technology is NOT one of them.
- **WRONG:** Great Depression started in Europe. **CORRECT:** Started in USA (Wall Street crash 1929), then spread globally.
- **WRONG:** Bretton Woods = United Nations. **CORRECT:** Bretton Woods created IMF & World Bank, NOT the UN.

**** EXAM TIPS**

- "Smallpox" question is very common - remember: Europeans had immunity, Americans did NOT (isolated for millions of years).
- For Rinderpest: It came from British ASIA (not Europe) to feed Italian soldiers in ERITREA (East Africa).
- Henry Ford = Assembly line = T-Model car = Mass production. These 4 always come together.

Ch.5 Print Culture and the Modern World

Key Fact	Details	Remember
First Print	China, 6th century	Woodblock printing. Imperial State was major producer. NOT Gutenberg (he came later in Europe).
Japan	AD 768-770	Buddhist missionaries from CHINA brought hand printing to Japan. Diamond Sutra = oldest book.
Gutenberg	1440s, Germany	Moveable metal type printing press. Bible = first major book (180 copies, 3 years).
Martin Luther	95 Theses	Challenged Catholic Church. Print helped spread his ideas across Europe rapidly. Protestant Reformation.
Vernacular Press Act	1878, India	British censored Indian language newspapers. Modelled on Irish Press Laws. Restricted freedom.
Samvad Kaumudi	Raja Rammohan Roy	Bengali weekly newspaper. Advocated social reform, abolition of Sati.
Gulamgiri	Jyotiba Phule, 1873	Wrote about caste oppression. Compared Indian lower castes to American black slaves.

Key Fact	Details	Remember
Bengal Gazette	1780, Hickey	First Indian newspaper. James Augustus Hickey. Calcutta. Criticised British government.

!! COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- **WRONG:** Gutenberg invented printing. **CORRECT:** Chinese invented woodblock printing centuries before. Gutenberg invented MOVEABLE TYPE in Europe.
- **WRONG:** Print caused the French Revolution. **CORRECT:** Print did NOT directly cause it but created CONDITIONS for thinking differently.
- **WRONG:** Rashundari Debi published Samvad Kaumudi. **CORRECT:** Raja Rammohan Roy published it. Rashundari wrote "Amar Jiban" (autobiography).

ECONOMICS (Understanding Economic Development)

Ch.1 Development | Ch.2 Sectors | Ch.3 Money & Credit | Ch.4 Globalisation

Concept	Key Detail	Common Error
Per Capita Income	Total National Income / Total Population	Students write "average salary" - it is average INCOME of the country, not salary.
HDI	By UNDP (not World Bank)	World Bank uses per capita income. UNDP uses HDI (income + education + health).
BMI	Weight(kg) / Height(m) ²	Students confuse BMI with HDI. BMI = Body Mass Index (nutrition). HDI = Human Development Index.
Kerala vs Bihar	Kerala: low IMR, high literacy. Bihar: opposite	Don't write Punjab. The NCERT comparison is Kerala vs Bihar specifically.
Primary Sector	Agriculture, Mining, Fishing, Forestry	Mining is PRIMARY (extraction), NOT secondary. Students often place mining in secondary.
GDP	Value of FINAL goods & services only	Intermediate goods excluded to avoid DOUBLE COUNTING. Students forget this key word.
Disguised Unemployment	People employed but not needed	Found in AGRICULTURE mainly. If removed, output stays same. Not same as seasonal unemployment.
MGNREGA	100 days, Rural households, Unskilled work	100 days (not 150). RURAL only (not urban). UNSKILLED manual work. Rs 220/day (approx).
Collateral	Asset pledged as guarantee for loan	Collateral is NOT the loan itself. It is the SECURITY against loan (land, gold, property, etc).
SHG	15-20 members, mostly women	NOT 10-15 members. Minimum 1 year functioning needed before bank linkage.
Formal Credit	Banks + Cooperatives (supervised by RBI)	Cooperatives are FORMAL (supervised by RBI). Students often put them in informal category.
MNC	Produces in 2+ countries	MNC is NOT just a company that exports. It must PRODUCE or CONTROL PRODUCTION in multiple countries.
WTO	Started 1995, 164 members	WTO started in 1995 (not 1944). Bretton Woods was 1944 (IMF + World Bank).
SEZ	Special Economic Zone	Tax exemptions + flexible labour laws to attract FOREIGN investment. NOT for domestic companies only.

!! TOP MISCONCEPTIONS - ECONOMICS

- **WRONG:** Tertiary sector employs the most workers. **CORRECT:** Primary sector still employs most (42%). Tertiary has highest GDP share but NOT highest employment.
- **WRONG:** Banks keep most deposits as cash. **CORRECT:** Banks keep only about 15% as cash. They LEND OUT 85% as loans.
- **WRONG:** Informal credit is cheaper. **CORRECT:** Formal credit (8-12%) is CHEAPER. Informal charges 36-60% or more.
- **WRONG:** Globalisation benefits everyone equally. **CORRECT:** IT industry, large firms benefited. Small producers SUFFERED from cheap imports.

XX AREAS OF ERROR - ECONOMICS

- Confusing GDP share vs Employment share. Tertiary = highest GDP. Primary = highest EMPLOYMENT. These are different!
- Writing "IMF and World Bank started in 1995" - that is WTO. IMF/World Bank = 1944 (Bretton Woods).
- Calling Cooperatives "informal" - they are FORMAL sources supervised by government/RBI.
- Mixing "trade barrier" (tax on imports) with "trade liberalisation" (removing barriers). They are OPPOSITE.

POLITICAL SCIENCE (Democratic Politics - II)

All Chapters: Power Sharing | Federalism | Gender, Religion & Caste | Political Parties | Outcomes of Democracy

Concept	Key Detail	Remember
Belgium Model	59% Dutch, 40% French, 1% German	Brussels = 80% FRENCH (minority nationally but majority in capital). This is the key twist.
Sri Lanka	74% Sinhala, 18% Tamil	Sinhala Only Act 1956. Majoritarianism led to CIVIL WAR (1983-2009). Opposite of Belgium.

Concept	Key Detail	Remember
Prudential Reason	Practical benefit of power sharing	Reduces conflict, ensures stability. PRUDENTIAL = practical. MORAL = right thing to do.
Holding Together	India-type federation	Large country DIVIDES power. Coming Together (USA) = independent states JOIN together.
Union List	97 subjects, Centre only	Defence, Foreign Affairs, Banking, Currency, Railways. Centre has MORE power than states.
State List	66 subjects, State only	Police, Agriculture, Trade, Health, Land. States independent in these areas.
Concurrent List	47 subjects, Both levels	Education, Forests, Marriage, Trade unions. If conflict, CENTRAL law prevails.
73rd/74th Amendment	1992	Constitutional status to Panchayats (73rd) and Municipalities (74th). 33% women reservation.
Communalism	Religion = basis of politics	Belief that one religion is superior. Leads to riots, violence. India is SECULAR state.
Secular State	No official religion	India: no state religion, freedom of religion, no discrimination. Articles 25-28.
National Party	6% votes in 4+ states, 4 LS seats	BJP, INC, BSP, CPI(M), NCP. Must meet BOTH criteria.
State Party	6% votes in state + 2 seats	DMK, TMC, SP, TDP, BJD etc. Only in one or few states.
Anti-Defection	Cannot change party after election	If elected on party ticket, cannot switch to another party. Prevents horse-trading.
Democracy Outcome	Accountable + Responsive + Legitimate	Democracy may be SLOW but ensures dignity, freedom, and peaceful conflict resolution.

!! TOP MISCONCEPTIONS - POLITICAL SCIENCE

- **WRONG:** Belgium has 59% French speakers. **CORRECT:** 59% DUTCH speakers. French = 40%. Brussels (capital) has 80% French speakers.
- **WRONG:** India is a "Coming Together" federation. **CORRECT:** India is "HOLDING TOGETHER." USA, Switzerland are coming together.
- **WRONG:** Residuary subjects go to State govt. **CORRECT:** Residuary subjects go to UNION/CENTRAL government.
- **WRONG:** Democracy always provides faster economic growth. **CORRECT:** Growth rates are NEGLIGIBLE difference. Democracy's strength is dignity and accountability.

XX AREAS OF ERROR - POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Writing "Belgium civil war" - WRONG. Sri Lanka had civil war. Belgium AVOIDED conflict through accommodation.
- Confusing Horizontal (same level - legislature/executive/judiciary) with Vertical (different levels - centre/state/local).
- Calling BJP a "state party" - BJP is a NATIONAL party. TMC, DMK, SP are state/regional parties.
- Writing "caste determines election results" - WRONG. No single caste is majority. Parties need MULTI-CASTE support to win.

GEOGRAPHY (Contemporary India - II)

All Chapters: Resources | Forests | Water | Agriculture | Minerals | Manufacturing

Concept	Key Detail	Common Confusion
Alluvial Soil	Northern Plains, River Deltas	Most WIDESPREAD & FERTILE. Khadar (new, near river) vs Bangar (old, away from river).
Black Soil (Regur)	Deccan Plateau	Made from LAVA. MOISTURE RETENTIVE. Best for COTTON. Not for rice or wheat.
Laterite Soil	Kerala, Karnataka, NE India	Formed in HIGH TEMP + HEAVY RAIN. Good for TEA & COFFEE. Poor in nitrogen.
Agenda 21	Rio, 1992	Earth Summit. Sustainable development in 21st century. LOCAL govt draws local Agenda 21.
Reserved Forests	More than 50% of forest area	Most valuable. Fully govt controlled. NOT "protected forests" (those are 2nd category).
Project Tiger	1973 (not 1972)	Wildlife Protection Act = 1972. Project Tiger = 1973. Students mix these two dates.
Chipko Movement	1970s, Garhwal Himalayas	HUGGING trees. Led by Sunderlal Bahuguna. Women played key role. Against commercial logging.
Bhakra Nangal	Sutlej River	Punjab/HP. Most commonly asked dam. Tehri = Bhagirathi. Hirakud = Mahanadi. Sardar Sarovar = Narmada.
Tankas	Rajasthan	Underground tanks for RAINWATER. Traditional system. NOT same as Johads (earthen check dams).
Green Revolution	1960s, M.S. Swaminathan	HYV seeds of WHEAT & RICE. Punjab-Haryana. White Revolution = MILK (Vergheese Kurien, Amul).

Concept	Key Detail	Common Confusion
Rabi Crops	Oct-Dec sowing, Apr-Jun harvest	Wheat, Barley, Peas, Gram, Mustard. COOL climate needed. Students confuse with Kharif.
Kharif Crops	Jun-Jul sowing, Sep-Oct harvest	Rice, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Cotton. RAINY season. Monsoon-dependent.
Anthracite	Highest carbon, hardest coal	Found in J&K; only (small quantity). Bituminous = most common. Lignite = Neyveli (TN).
Iron & Steel	Backbone of modern industry	TISCO 1907 (Jamshedpur). Bhilai = USSR. Durgapur = UK. Rourkela = Germany collaboration.
Bengaluru	Silicon Valley of India	IT industry hub. Infosys, Wipro HQ. Most asked in map work. Also called "Garden City".

!! TOP MISCONCEPTIONS - GEOGRAPHY

- **WRONG:** Alluvial soil is found only in Punjab. **CORRECT:** Found across entire Northern Plains + ALL river deltas of India.
- **WRONG:** Green Revolution = all crops. **CORRECT:** Mainly WHEAT & RICE only. Pulses, oilseeds were NOT part of Green Revolution.
- **WRONG:** India has 33% forest cover. **CORRECT:** Only 21-22%. 33% is the TARGET as per National Forest Policy.
- **WRONG:** Coal is a renewable resource. **CORRECT:** Coal is NON-RENEWABLE. Takes millions of years to form. Solar/wind are renewable.

XX AREAS OF ERROR - GEOGRAPHY

- Confusing DAM names with RIVERS: Bhakra Nangal = Sutlej (NOT Beas). Hirakud = Mahanadi (NOT Godavari). Sardar Sarovar = Narmada.
- Writing "Neyveli = coal mine." WRONG - Neyveli is LIGNITE mine (Tamil Nadu). Coal mines = Raniganj, Bokaro, Talcher.
- Placing Digboi in West Bengal. WRONG - Digboi oil field is in ASSAM. Raniganj (coal) is in West Bengal.
- Calling cotton a Rabi crop. WRONG - Cotton is KHARIF (sown in monsoon). Wheat, mustard, gram are Rabi.

**** LAST MINUTE EXAM TIPS**

- **Map Work (5 marks):** Dandi, Jallianwala Bagh, Bhakra Nangal, Bengaluru IT Park = repeat EVERY year. Practice these daily!
- **Assertion-Reason:** Read BOTH statements carefully. Check if (R) actually EXPLAINS (A). Most students don't check the connection.
- **5-mark answers:** Write 5 clear points with headings. Underline keywords. Give examples. Examiner gives 1 mark per point.
- **Time Management:** 3 hours = 80 marks. Spend max 45 min on MCQs, 1 hr on short, 1 hr on long, 15 min on map + revision.
- **NCERT is Bible:** 90% questions come directly from NCERT. Read EVERY line of NCERT textbook. Don't depend on guides.

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