Print Culture and the Modern World

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 37 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. The earliest hand printing developed in China, Japan and:
(a) Germany **(b)** Italy **(c)** India **(d)** Korea

2. Erasmus is known for:
(a) fearing a glut of books
(b) paintings printed for mass circulation
(c) writing in Kesari
(d) writing Chhote Aur Bade Ka Sawal

3. What is meant by “almanac”?
(a) the art of beautiful, stylised writing
(b) the person who sets the type
(c) a metal frame holding the set type
(d) an annual book of astronomical and everyday information

4. In the chapter, Sambad Kaumudi is linked to:
(a) Bengal (Calcutta)
(b) central Calcutta
(c) Persian (1822)
(d) Tilak’s newspaper

5. In 1579, the first Tamil book was printed at Cochin. How many years before 1787 was that?
(a) 208 years **(b)** 207 years **(c)** 209 years **(d)** 218 years

6. The Grimm brothers published their folk tales in 1812; a children’s press began in France in 1857. How many years apart were these?
(a) 42 years **(b)** 46 years **(c)** 55 years **(d)** 45 years

7. The Gutenberg press could print 250 sheets an hour on one side. How many sheets in 7 hours?
(a) 1,750 sheets **(b)** 2,000 sheets **(c)** 1,400 sheets **(d)** 2,100 sheets

8. Richard Hoe’s cylindrical press printed 8,000 sheets an hour. How many sheets in 4 hours?
(a) 40,000 sheets **(b)** 3,200 sheets **(c)** 32,000 sheets **(d)** 1,000 sheets

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. How were books printed in early China?

10. What is each known for? (a) Richard M. Hoe (b) Rammohun Roy

11. Explain each term: (a) chapbook (b) vellum

12. Which came first, and by how many years? (a) the Grimm brothers published their folk tales (1812) (b) The Statesman was founded (1877)

13. At 250 sheets an hour, how many hours would the Gutenberg press take to print 9,750 sheets on one side?

14. Gutenberg printed about 180 copies of his first book in three years. At that rate, how many copies a year, and how many in 9 years?

15. Suppose a pamphlet sold 1,550 copies a week for 4 weeks. How many is that, and was it more or less than 5,000 copies?

16. What language or place is each linked to? (a) Battala books (b) Istri Dharm Vichar

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. How did print change the lives of ordinary people in Europe?

18. Match each with its contribution: (a) Rammohun Roy (b) James Augustus Hickey (c) Rashsundari Debi. Choose from: editing the weekly Bengal Gazette from 1780; writing Amar Jiban; publishing the Sambad Kaumudi.

19. (a) Put these in order, earliest first: the Vernacular Press Act was passed (1878); The Statesman was founded (1877); the Grimm brothers published their folk tales (1812). (b) How many years from the first to the last? (c) Explain how one of these changed who could read or write.

20. The Gutenberg press printed 250 sheets an hour and Hoe's press 8,000. (a) How many times faster was Hoe's press? (b) How many more sheets would it print in 17 hours? (c) How did faster printing change reading?

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	(d) Korea	—
2	(a) fearing a glut of books	—
3	(d) an annual book of astronomical and everyday information	—
4	(a) Bengal (Calcutta)	—
5	(a) 208 years	1787 − 1579
6	(d) 45 years	1857 − 1812 = 45
7	(a) 1,750 sheets	7 × 250
8	(c) 32,000 sheets	4 × 8,000
9	By rubbing paper against the inked surface of carved woodblocks.	—
10	(a) the power-driven cylindrical press (b) publishing the Sambad Kaumudi	—
11	(a) a pocket-size book sold by pedlars (b) parchment made from animal skin	—
12	The Grimm brothers published their folk tales, by 65 years	1877 − 1812
13	39 hours	9,750 ÷ 250
14	60 a year; 540 in 9 years	180 ÷ 3; 60 × 9
15	6,200; more	1,550 × 4
16	(a) central Calcutta (b) Punjab	—
17	Books became cheaper and more plentiful, a new reading public grew alongside the hearing public, and ballads and folk tales were printed and read aloud.	—
18	(a) publishing the Sambad Kaumudi (b) editing the weekly Bengal Gazette from 1780 (c) writing Amar Jiban	—
19	(a) the Grimm brothers published their folk tales; The Statesman was founded; the Vernacular Press Act was passed (b) 66 years (c) Answers will vary; see the chapter.	—
20	(a) 32 times (b) 131,750 more (c) Books and newspapers became cheaper and	8,000 ÷ 250; 17 × (8,000 − 250)

Q	Answer	Working
	more plentiful, so many more people could read.	