

BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 9

The French Revolution (History)

Social Science · Chapter 1 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	30	60 min	As per board	≥ 24/30

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All questions are compulsory.
- Section A: 4 one-mark questions. Section B: 3 two-mark questions. Section C: 3 three-mark questions. Section D: a source-based question (4 marks) and a long answer (5 marks).
- Write clear, dated answers; in History, the correct YEAR is itself worth marks.
- For the source-based question, base your answers on BOTH the passage and your knowledge of the chapter.
- Draw the timeline or the estates pyramid wherever it strengthens a long answer.

Section A — Very Short Answer (1 mark each, 4 Qs)
4 MARKS · 8 MIN

- Q1.** On what date was the Bastille stormed? [PYQ 2019 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**
- Q2.** Name the direct tax paid by the Third Estate to the state. [PYQ 2020 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** Who wrote 'The Spirit of the Laws'? [PYQ 2022 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**
- Q4.** In which year did France become a republic? [PYQ 2020 CBSE SQP] **[1 mark]**

Section B — Short Answer I (2 marks each, 3 Qs)
6 MARKS · 12 MIN

- Q5.** What was a 'subsistence crisis'? Why did it occur in eighteenth-century France? [PYQ 2021 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**
- Q6.** How did the National Assembly come into being? [PYQ 2019 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**
- Q7.** Why is the storming of the Bastille remembered as a turning point even though it held only seven prisoners? [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**

Section C — Short Answer II (3 marks each, 3 Qs)
9 MARKS · 18 MIN

- Q8.** Describe the system of the three estates in eighteenth-century France. [PYQ 2021 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**
- Q9.** What was the importance of the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (1789)? [PYQ 2022 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**
- Q10.** Describe the role of women in the French Revolution and explain who Olympe de Gouges was. [PYQ 2024 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**

Section D — Source-Based + Long Answer (5 + 6 = 11 marks)
11 MARKS · 22 MIN

- Q11.** Read the source and answer the sub-questions: 'In the eighteenth century, French society was divided into three estates. The members of the first two estates — the clergy and the nobility — enjoyed certain privileges by birth. The most important of these was exemption from paying taxes to the state. The Third Estate alone bore the burden of taxation, paying not only the taille to the state but also the tithe to the Church.' (a) Name the three estates mentioned or implied. (b) What was the most important privilege of the first two estates? (c) Name the two taxes the Third Estate had to pay. (d) Why did this arrangement create deep resentment? [PYQ 2020 CBSE SQP] **[5 marks]**
- Q12.** Explain the causes that led to the outbreak of the French Revolution in 1789. [PYQ 2022 CBSE SQP] **[6 marks]**

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