

2022

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER-II

Time Allowed — 3 Hours

Full Marks — 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

Answers may be given either in English or in Bengali but all answers must be in one and same language.

Group-A

Answer Question No. 1 and any two from the rest.

1. How has India's geologic structure and relief features played role in shaping the country's major river networks? The natural vegetation in the Himalayas ranges from tropical to Tundra type of vegetation. Provide reasons in support of this statement. 20+20=40
2. Discuss the factors influencing soil formation. Also mention the causes and measures of soil erosion and salinization in India. Enumerate the major challenges associated with continued reliance on conventional sources of energy in India. 15+10+5=30
3. Describe the physiographic factors which have influenced the pattern of roads and railway networks in India. Support your answer with examples from different parts of India. Why are mineral-based industries mainly concentrated in Chotanagpur Plateau region? Give reasons. 20+10=30
4. Bring out the regional variations in the population distribution and density at the national level. Analyse the challenges and opportunities posed by the increasing urbanisation in India. How does the country address issues such as urban sprawl, inadequate housing and environmental sustainability amidst the growing demand for urban services and amenities? 15+10+5=30
5. How does India's geographical location influence its trade and diplomatic relations with SAARC countries? Discuss the success and challenges of Green Revolution in India's agricultural sector. 15+15

Group-B

Answer Question No. 6 and any two from the rest.

6. Analyse the relationship between the relief features and the regional climatic patterns of West Bengal. Discuss the government initiatives on afforestation and forest management in the Himalayan foothills of Darjeeling District to protect the fragile bio-diversity and ensure sustainable resource utilization in this region of West Bengal. 20+20=40

7. Evaluate the significance of organic farming practices in West Bengal for the reduction of soil degradation. Mention the governmental measures for water conservation in West Bengal.
15+15=30
 8. Discuss the factors that contribute to the suitability for Tea cultivation in West Bengal. Also mention the measures taken to ensure sustainable growth and global competitiveness. 20+10=30
 9. What are the key challenges faced by industrial regions in West Bengal? Discuss the major schemes of improved transport connectivity of urbanised centres of West Bengal. 20+10=30
 10. Analyse the recent trends in literacy rates in West Bengal. Mention the role of educational schemes to address the population-related challenges in West Bengal. 20+10=30
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