

## West Bengal State University

**B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. ( Honours, Major, General ) Examinations, 2012**

### PART - I

### GEOGRAPHY - HONOURS

#### Paper - II

Duration : 4 Hours ]

[ Full Marks : 100

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

#### GROUP - A

#### CATEGORY - I

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words.

2 × 10 = 20

1. What are the basic assumptions of the localization of industries of Alfred Weber ?  
What are the drawbacks of the Weberian model in the contemporary world of globalization ?
2. Discuss how economic and environmental approaches of resource utilization influence the manufacturing sector of economy of the country.
3. What are the changing characteristics of plantation farming in south-east Asia.  
Discuss your answer with reference to rubber plantation.
4. State the locational factors for petro-chemical industry. How far are the geo-economic conditions suitable for the development of petro-chemical centres in U.S.A. ?

#### CATEGORY - II

Answer any *eight* questions within 150 words.

8 × 5 = 40

5. Enumerate the factors responsible for the location and production of newsprint in India.

6. What is meant by spread effect ? Highlight the mechanism by which spread effect operates in the context of regional disparity within the country.
7. Account for the potentiality as well as advantages and disadvantages of wind generate and supply electricity in India.
8. Why is fishing regarded as both primary and secondary economic activities ?
9. Explain the physical and socio-economic factors that led to the growth of extensive grain farming in the Prairies.
10. Is von Thunen's theory of land use still relevant today ?
11. Differentiate between isotims and isodapane.
12. Account for the dispersal of cotton textile industry in U.S.A.
13. What are the environmental effects of the utilization of coal as source of energy ?
14. Write the differences between 'primary', 'secondary' and 'tertiary' sectors of economy.
15. How far foot-loose and non-foot-loose industries influenced by the nature of raw material ?

**GROUP - B**

**CATEGORY - I**

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words.

2 × 10 =

16. What are the types of age-sex pyramids ? Why do they differ in different levels of socio - economic development ?
17. Explain the Malthusian theory of population growth and state its limitation.
18. State the causes and consequences of different internal migration and its impact on both source and destination regions.
19. Discuss how the use of human resource can be optimised to improve productivity at a higher level of development.

**CATEGORY - II**

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words.

4 × 5 = 20

20. Evaluate the model of demographic transition.
  21. Discuss the concept of optimum, over-and under-population with examples.
  22. How is China trying to maintain a balanced population growth ?
  23. What are the causes of uneven distribution of population in India ?
  24. Define poverty, APL and BPL. How is birth rate affected by poverty ?
  25. Explain the concept of human resource.
  26. Distinguish between population structure and composition.
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