

West Bengal State University**B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2012****PART-III****GEOGRAPHY — Honours****(NEW SYLLABUS & OLD SYLLABUS)****Paper-VI****NEW SYLLABUS**

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**(Philosophy of Geography)**

(Marks : 40)

Category - AAnswer any *two* questions within 600 words each :

10 × 2 =

1. Elaborate the contribution of Carl O' Sauer in the evolution of geographical thought.
2. Explain with reasons how approaches to geographical studies changed from determinism to possibilism.
3. Outline the emergence and impact of Quantitative Revolution in Geography.
4. Discuss the characteristics of Structuralism in geography, highlighting the reasons for its evolution.

Category - B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each : 5 × 4 = 20

5. Explain in brief the interdisciplinary nature of geography citing any *two* suitable examples.
6. What is the significance of time in geography ? Illustrate your answer with examples.
7. Highlight the major contributions of Alexander Von Humboldt.
8. Write down the contributions of David Harvey in the development of post-modernism in geography.
9. Point out the basic tenets of positivism.
10. Distinguish between absolute space and relative space with suitable examples.
11. Examine the relevance of determinism with reference to contemporary hazards and disasters.

GROUP - B**(Contemporary Issues in Geography)**

(Marks : 60)

SECTION - 1**Category - A**

Answer any *one* question within 600 words : 10 × 1 = 10

12. Discuss the 'techno-centric approach' of hazard management citing specific examples. 10
13. What are geomorphic hazards ? How do the hazards of riverbank erosion and landslide culminate into disaster ? 10

CATEGORY - B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words : 5 × 4 = 20

14. What is desertification ? Assess its possible impacts.
15. What measures can be undertaken to combat the problem of bank erosion of the Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad districts ?

16. Correlate edaphic hazards with the biotic hazards.
17. Enumerate the causes of origin and consequences of tropical cyclone, citing examples from West Bengal.
18. State the impact of deforestation on the ecosystem of Sunderban.
19. Distinguish between meteorological and agricultural drought.

SECTION - 2

Category - A

Answer any *one* question within 600 words :

10 × 1 =

20. Define poverty line. Assess the nature of poverty and malnutrition in India.
21. Assess the social and environmental problems associated with urbanisation in different metropolitan cities of India.

Category - B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each :

5 × 4 =

22. What measures can be taken to prevent child labour in India ?
23. How can food security be ensured among the low income people of developing countries ?
24. Analyse the causes of high unemployment rate in India.
25. Assess the impact of globalisation on the economic development of the third world countries with examples.
26. Distinguish between 'development' and 'under-development'.
27. Discuss the impact of population explosion on the carrying capacity of land.

OLD SYLLABUS

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

(Philosophy of Geography)

(Marks : 50)

Category - A

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each : 10 × 2 = 20

1. Elaborate the contribution of the German School in the evolution of geographical thought.
2. Explain with reasons how approaches to geographical studies changed from determinism to possibilism.
3. Explain the significance of positivism in the emergence of scientific explanation in Geography. What are its major points of criticism ?
4. Discuss the characteristics of Structuralism in geography, highlighting the reasons for its evolution.

Category - B

Answer any *five* questions within 150 words each : 4 × 5 = 20

5. Explain in brief the interdisciplinary nature of geography citing any two suitable examples.
6. What is the significance of time in geography ?
7. Assess the contribution of Vidal de la Blache in geography.
8. Differentiate humanistic geography from human geography.
9. Distinguish between absolute space and relative space with suitable examples.
10. Examine the relevance of determinism with reference to contemporary hazards and disasters.
1. Identify and explain any *one* type of dichotomy in geographical thought.
2. Elaborate the idea of 'Encyclopaedism'.

Category - C

Answer any *five* questions within 50 words each :

2 × 5

13. What is empiricism ?
14. What is neo-determinism ?
15. How is 'location' important in geography ?
16. What is the basic concept of radicalism ?
17. What is nomothetic approach ?
18. What do you mean by 'Ekistics' ?
19. What was the principal contribution of Carl Ritter in Geography ?
20. What is meant by 'social space' ?

GROUP - B**(Contemporary issues in Geography)**

(Marks : 50)

SECTION - 1**Category - A**

Answer any *one* question within 600 words :

10 × 1

21. Discuss the techno-centric approach to hazard management citing sp examples.
22. What are geomorphic hazards ? How do the hazards of river bank erosion landslide culminate into disaster ?

Category - B

Answer any *three* questions within 150 words each :

4 × 3

23. What is desertification ? Assess its possible impacts.
24. What measures can be undertaken to combat the problem of bank erosion of Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad districts ?

5. Correlate edaphic hazards with the biotic hazards.
6. Enumerate the causes of origin and consequences of tornadoes.
7. State the impact of deforestation on the ecosystem of Sunderban.

Category - C

Answer any *two* questions within 50 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$

8. What do you understand by 'biodiversity hotspots' ?
9. What is meteorological drought ?
10. What are 'quasi-natural' hazards ?
1. Mention the causes of salinisation.

SECTION - 2

Category - A

Answer any *one* question within 600 words : $10 \times 1 = 10$

2. Define poverty line. Assess the nature of poverty and malnutrition in India.
3. Explain the parameters of human development.

Category - B

Answer any *two* questions within 150 words each : $4 \times 2 = 8$

4. What measures can be taken to prevent child labour in India ?
5. How can food security be ensured among the low-income people of the developing countries ?
6. Analyse the causes of high unemployment rate in India.
7. Assess the impact of globalisation on the economic development of the third world countries with examples.

Category - C

Answer any *three* questions within 50 words each :

38. What is social inequality ?
 39. What is economic disparity ?
 40. What is optimum population ?
 41. How is hunger related to unemployment ?
 41. What do you mean by gender bias ?
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