

West Bengal State University
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2013

PART-I

GEOGRAPHY — HONOURS
PAPER-II

Duration : 4 Hours]

[Maximum 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

(ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY)

Category - I

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each.

2 × 10 =

1. Classify resources. Assess the impact of each type of resource on the economy and environment of developing countries.
2. Explain why Gunnar Myrdal's model of regional development is known as the model of circular and cumulative causation.
3. What are the characteristic landscapes associated with agricultural economy? Discuss the technological changes and their impact on intensive rice farming in South and South East Asia.
4. Compare the impact of raw material and energy in the development of paper industry in India and Canada. Give suitable examples in each case.

Category - II

Answer any *eight* questions within 150 words each.

8 × 5 = 40

5. "Resource is a dynamic concept." Explain.
6. Discuss the salient features of economies associated with subsistence and commercial fishing.
7. What do you understand by horizontal and vertical integration of industries ? Give examples.
8. What factors have led to the development of petrochemical industry in Gujarat and Mumbai regions ?
9. Analyse the environmental effects of mining economy.
10. State the assumptions used by Alfred Weber in his model of industrial location.
11. Discuss the present problems faced by Indian tea plantations.
12. Give an account of locational characteristics of iron and steel industries of India.
13. What are the differences between conventional and non-conventional sources of energy ?
14. Discuss the commercial nature of extensive wheat farming in USA and Canada.
15. Analyse the problems of Indian Cotton Textile Industry.

GROUP - B**(POPULATION GEOGRAPHY)****Category - I**

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each.

2 × 10 = 20

16. Analyse the significance of human resource in the developing nations.
17. Describe how linguistic composition characterizes Indian population. Explain their socio-economic impact.
18. Write down the characteristics of population structure in India by age and sex.
19. Discuss the Demographic transition theory and assess the position of India in this context.

Category - II

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each.

4 × 5 =

20. What are the positive checks to population growth according to Malthus ?
 21. What is population explosion ? State its impact on economic situation of a country.
 22. What are the different types of migration caused due to social reasons ?
 23. What are the main idea of Marx' theory of population growth ?
 24. How migration of population from Bangladesh to India can be explained by 'push' and 'pull' factors ?
 25. Discuss the consequence of high and low dependency ratio.
 26. Explain population growth in relation to fertility and mortality in developed countries
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