West Bengal State University

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2013

Part – III

GEOGRAPHY — HONOURS

Paper–V

(New and Old Syllabus)

Duration : 4 Hours   [Maximum Marks

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

(NEW SYLLABUS)

GROUP – A

(SOCIAL, CULTURAL & POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY)

CATEGORY – A

1. Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each :   2 × 10

   a) "Lepchas are in transition." Explain how far this is true in their present s
   economic and cultural life.

   b) What do you understand by Cold War ? Describe the causes
   consequences of the Cold War.

   c) Discuss the concept of bi-polarisation and unipolarisation in the ligh
   present day scenario.

   d) Explain the physical and socio-cultural factors determining different form
   rural settlement.

CATEGORY – B

2. Answer any *eight* questions each within 150 words :   8 × 5

   a) What relationship exists between social ecology and social space ?

   b) Describe in brief the concept of ethnic religion.

   c) Distinguish between cultural hearth and cultural realm.

d) What are the major problems of the border states of India ?

e) Classify towns and cities based on their functions.

f) Distinguish between 'competition' and 'conflict' as social process.

g) Critically discuss the significance of the works by Ullman on urban morphology.

h) How is religion associated with the creation of cultural groups ?

i) Highlight upon the changing pattern of the socio-economic conditions of the Santhals.

j) Mention the characteristics and components of culture.

k) Discuss the social stratification which has developed in rural India.

GROUP – B

(REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA)

CATEGORY – A

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

a) Mention the methods of delineating a physical region. Give an account of the relief and economy of Kashmir Himalayas.

b) Describe briefly the agricultural regions of India with special reference to Punjab-Haryana.

c) Explain the concept of planning region with a suitable examples from India.

d) Specify and discuss the different indicators used to measure regional disparity in India.

CATEGORY – B

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

a) Briefly discuss any one scheme of economic regionalization in India.

b) What are the important measures taken for eradicating regional disparities in India ?

c) Distinguish between formal and functional regions.

d) Give an account of the major industries of Mumbai-Pune Industrial belt.

e) Define macro, meso and micro regions with examples from India.

f) Explain the concept of an industrial region.

g) What do you understand by balanced regional development ? Give examples from India.

(OLD SYLLABUS)

GROUP – A

(SOCIAL & POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY)

CATEGORY – A

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

   a) Analyse the role of language and religion in the creation of cultural group.

   b) Discuss the significance of class and caste segregation in the morphology rural settlements in India with suitable examples.

   c) Define ethnicity. Classify different ethnic groups of India.

   d) What do you understand by geo-strategic ideas ? Discuss it in the light ideas propounded by Spykeman.

CATEGORY – B

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

   a) Distinguish between cultural region and cultural realm.

   b) What are the components of culture ?

   c) How and why did Mackinder modify his Heartland theory in 1943 ?

   d) What are the characteristics of Indian caste system ?

   e) Classify towns and cities based on their functions.

   f) What do you mean by urban morphology ?

   g) What are the different schools of thought in Political Geography ?

   h) What are the major problems of the border states of India ?

CATEGORY – C

3. Answer any *five* questions within 50 words each :   5 × 2 =

   a) What is buffer zone ?

   b) What is commuters zone ?

   c) Define organic state.

   d) What is conurbation ?

   e) Define Urban sprawl.

   f) Define hinterland.

   g) Classify rural settlement according to census.

   h) What do you understand by a mega city ?

GROUP – B
(REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA)

CATEGORY – A

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

   a)   Classify region and show how far scale and dimension are relevant in the identification of regions.

   b)   Divide Kashmir Himalayas on the basis of physiography and discuss its relation with structure.

   c)   Identify the bases of delineating Gujarat as an economic region.

   d)   Analyse the causes and implications of regional disparity in India.

CATEGORY – B

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

   a)   Mention the different techniques used to delineate functional regions.

   b)   Explain the concept of a planning region.

   c)   Distinguish between regionalism and regionalisation.

   d)   Distinguish between formal and functional regions.

   e)   Enumerate the distinctive feature of macro and micro regions in India.

   f)   Assess the performance of DVC in flood control.

   g)   Define biotic region and assess the role of mangrove forests in Sundarban.

   h)   What do you understand by balanced regional development ? Give examples from India.

CATEGORY – C

6.   Answer any *five* questions within 50 words each :   5 × 2 = 10

   a)   Define physical region.

   b)   In which geological age was the Karewa series formed and where is it seen ?

   c)   What are the mineral resources available in the Gujarat region ?

   d)   How did Dal Lake originate ?

   e)   Define 'Adhoc' region with examples.

   f)   What is the significance of the main boundary fault ?

   g)   Assess the constraints of agriculture in Gujarat.

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