

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

PART-III

GEOGRAPHY – HONOURS

Paper– VI

(NEW AND OLD SYLLABUS)

Duration : 4 Hours

Full Marks

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

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

(NEW SYLLABUS)

GROUP - A

[Marks : 40]

(Philosophy of Geography)

Category - A

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each :

2 × 10

1. Enumerate the contribution of Vidal de la Blache as the founder of Human Geography.
2. Discuss the relevance of regional differentiation in contemporary geographical studies.
3. Why is radical geography known as an exceptional approach in Geographical studies ?
4. Describe the emergence and significance of behavioural approach in human geography.

Category - B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each :

4 × 5

5. Why is Geography considered as an applied science ?
6. Discuss the importance of locational analysis in Geography.

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| 7. | What is meant by Social Darwinism ? | 5 |
| 8. | Describe the basic characteristics of Logical Positivism. | 5 |
| 9. | Define and classify space with suitable examples. | 5 |
| 10. | What are the major elements of Structuralism ? | 5 |
| 11. | Explain the significance of Positivism in Quantitative Revolution. | 5 |

GROUP - B

(Contemporary Issues in Geography)

[Marks : 60]

Section-1

Category - A

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

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| 12. | Assess the impact of loss of biodiversity on environment with special reference to India and suggest suitable measures for its conservation. | 10 |
| 13. | Classify drought. Discuss the mechanism and methods of management of drought. | 10 |

Category - B

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

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| 14. | Distinguish between quasi-natural hazard and man-made hazard. | 5 |
| 15. | Analyse the role of forestry in arresting landslides. | 5 |
| 16. | Where are the principal areas of saline soil located in India ? Indicate the methods of management of salinity. | 5 |
| 17. | Describe the factors responsible for flash floods. | 5 |
| 18. | Identify the factors leading to coastal erosion in southern part of Sundarban. | 5 |
| 19. | Suggest suitable management procedures to stabilize landslide prone areas in Darjiling Himalaya. | 5 |

Section-2**Category - A**

Answer any *one* question within 600 words :

1 × 10 =

20. Describe the basic indicators of human development.
21. Analyse the impact of globalisation on economic development of the Third World countries with examples.

Category - B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each :

4 × 5 =

22. Comment on the relation between poverty and hunger.
23. What are the causes of malnutrition among women and children in India ?
24. Briefly outline the main problems of urbanisation.
25. Describe the scenario of gender development in India.
26. Elucidate the concept of Third World.
27. Categorise different types of unemployment in India.

(OLD SYLLABUS)

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

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GROUP - A

(Philosophy of Geography)

[Marks : 50]

Category : A

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each :

2 × 10 = 20

1. Enumerate the contribution of Vidal de la Blache as the founder of Human Geography. 10
2. Discuss the relevance of regional differentiation in contemporary geographical studies. 10
3. Why is radical geography known as an exceptional approach in Geographical studies ? 10
4. Give an account of the Humanistic approach in Geography and explain how it helps in understanding social phenomena. 10

Category : B

Answer any *five* questions within 150 words each :

5 × 4 = 20

5. Why is Geography considered as an applied science ? 4
6. Discuss the importance of locational analysis in Geography. 4
7. What is meant by Social Darwinism ? 4
8. Describe the basic characteristics of Logical Positivism. 4

9. What are the major elements of Structuralism ?
10. Mention some of the demerits of Positivism.
11. Explain in brief the concept of 'Cultural Landscape' as put forward by Carl Sauer.
12. Highlight the basic tenets of Empiricism.

Category : C

Answer any *five* questions within 50 words each :

5 x

13. What were the most stimulating ideas of Carl Ritter ?
14. Who wrote 'Erdkunde' ?
15. Define Encyclopaedism.
16. What do you mean by 'dichotomy' in Geography ?
17. What is 'Chorology' ?
18. Define 'Environmental Determinism'.
19. What is meant by 'absolute space' ?
20. What is 'mental map' ?

GROUP - B

(*Contemporary issues in Geography*)

[**Marks : 50**]

Section : 1

Category : A

Answer any *one* question within 600 words :

1 x 1

21. Assess the impact of loss of biodiversity on environment with special reference to India and suggest suitable measures for its conservation.
22. Classify drought. Discuss the mechanism and methods of management of drought.

Category : B

Answer any *three* questions within 150 words each : 3 × 4 = 12

23. Distinguish between quasi-natural hazard and man-made hazard. 4
24. Analyse the role of forestry in arresting landslides. 4
25. Where are the principal areas of saline soil located in India ? Indicate the methods of management of salinity. 4
26. Describe the factors responsible for flash floods. 4
27. Identify the factors leading to coastal erosion in southern part of Sundarban. 4

Category : C

Answer any *two* questions within 50 words each : 2 × 2 = 4

28. What is the necessity of Environmental Impact Assessment ? 2
29. What is meant by desertification ? 2
30. Locate the areas where tornadoes are most prevalent. 2
31. How is earthquake measured ? 2

Section : 2**Category - A**

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

32. Analyse the impact of globalisation on economic development of the Third World countries with examples. 10
33. Why are economic disparity and social inequality regarded as constraints of development ? 10

Category - B

Answer any *two* questions within 150 words each :

2 x

34. Comment on the relation between poverty and hunger.
35. Describe the scenario of gender development in India.
36. Categorise different types of unemployment in India.
37. Differentiate between morbidity and mortality.

Category - C

Answer any *three* questions within 50 words each :

3 x

38. Why is work participation rate very low in the developing countries ?
 39. Give two reasons for low per capita income in the rural areas of India.
 40. Define poverty line.
 41. What is sustainable development ?
 42. Why is child labour high in India ?
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