

West Bengal State University
B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Honours, Major, General) Examinations, 2014

Part - I

GEOGRAPHY — HONOURS

Paper - II

Duration : 4 Hours

[Maximum Marks : 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP - A

(ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY)

Category - I

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each. $2 \times 10 = 20$

1. What is meant by resource perception ? What is the importance of resource recycling in this modern age of consumption ?
2. What is a foot loose industry ? Account for the dispersion of cotton textile mills in India.
3. Mention the non-conventional sources of energy prevalent in India. What are the prospects of such sources of energy ?
4. What do you understand by an 'economic model' ? Critically examine the economic model on agricultural landuse as suggested by Von Thunen.

Category - IIAnswer any *eight* questions within 150 words each.

8 × 5 = 40

5. Discuss the concept of isodapane as introduced by Weber in relation to the 'labour cost' in the location of industries.
6. Mention the favourable factors responsible for the growth of commercial fishing.
7. Where and why shifting cultivation is practised in India ?
8. How far are the geo-economic conditions suitable for the development of petrochemical industry in U.S.A. ?
9. Explain briefly the role of technology in creation of resources.
10. Discuss the dependency of intensive rice farming on the monsoons.
11. Differentiate 'spread effect' from 'backwash effect'.
12. Analyse the problems of paper industry in India.
13. Mention the problems of coal as an energy resource.
14. Why does the iron and steel industry of Japan prefer coastal locations ?
15. Distinguish between horizontal and vertical integration of industries with suitable examples.

GROUP - B**(POPULATION GEOGRAPHY)****Category - I**Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each.

2 × 10 = 20

16. State the various measures of fertility. Discuss giving examples the factors affecting fertility rate in India.
17. What are the causes and consequences of various types of migration in India ?
18. Explain the relevance of Marxian theory of population growth in present times.
19. Discuss the concept of over-population. Explain how population explosion affects the development of a country.

Category - IIAnswer any *four* questions within 150 words each.

4 × 5 = 20

20. How are human beings considered as a resource ?
 21. Give reasons for the unfavourable sex ratio for females in India.
 22. Explain the nature of dependency ratio in developed and developing countries of the world.
 23. Mention the salient features of the recent population policy of India.
 24. Bring out the relation between education and fertility.
 25. Explain the consequences of one child policy of China.
 26. Illustrate the significance of Age-Sex structure.
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