



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A./B.Sc. Honours PART-I Examinations, 2016

GEOGRAPHY-HONOURS

PAPER-GEOA-II

Time Allotted: 4 Hours

Full Marks: 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

Group-A

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

CATEGORY-I

Answer any *two* questions within 600 words each.

10×2 = 20

1. Define resource. Critically explain the role of human beings in resource development with suitable examples.
2. Discuss the factors responsible for the development of commercial fishing grounds in the world. Why is fishing popular in Peru?
3. Account for the development of cotton textile industry in India. Discuss the present position of this industry.
4. Give an outline of Von Thunen's model and state its relevance in the present day context.

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CATEGORY-II

Answer any *eight* questions within 150 words each:

5×8 = 40

5. Discuss the potentiality of development of wind energy in India.
6. Mention the significance of resource recycling.
7. Suggest measures to mitigate sickness of paper industry in West Bengal.
8. Differentiate between environmental resource and economic resource.
9. Differentiate between isotherms and isodapanes.
10. Briefly explain how resource perception affects resource utilisation.
11. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using non-conventional sources of energy?
12. What is the future prospect of using petroleum as a major source of energy?
13. Analyse the pattern of location of iron and steel industry in India.
14. Give a short account of the distribution of petrochemical industry in the U.S.A.
15. What do you understand by 'spread effect' and 'backwash effect'?

Group-B
POPULATION GEOGRAPHY

CATEGORY-I

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

16. Account for the uneven distribution of population in the world.
17. Discuss the importance of studying age-sex pyramid. Highlight the major characteristics of age-sex pyramid of the developed countries with suitable diagrams.
18. Discuss the causes and effects of migration with special reference to India.
19. Briefly explain the population theory of Marx. State the relevance of this theory in present day context.

CATEGORY-II

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

20. What are the problems related with high death rate?
21. Mention the causes of low fertility rate in developed countries.
22. Discuss the nature and causes of population growth in India during post-independence period.
23. Discuss the consequences of high dependency ratio.

24. State the merits and demerits of demographic transition theory.
25. What is population explosion?
26. Why population is regarded as resource of a country?

Category-II