



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A./B.Sc. Honours PART-III Examinations, 2017

GEOGRAPHY-HONOURS

PAPER-GEOA-V

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

(Social, Cultural and Political Geography)

Category-A

1. Answer any *two* questions from the following within 600 words each. 10×2 = 20
- (a) What is meant by cultural groups? Assess the role of religion in the creation of cultural groups with special reference to India. 2+8
- (b) What do you understand by 'cold war'? Discuss its causes and consequences with suitable examples. 3+7
- (c) Give a brief description of the hierarchical caste structure and explain the relationship between caste system and morphology of rural settlement in India. 3+7
- (d) Illustrate the causes and consequences of partition in Eastern India and state its impact on border areas. 10

Category-B

2. Answer any *eight* questions from the following within 150 words each. 5×8 = 40
- (a) Discuss social processes in defining urban social ecology.
- (b) Explain how rural settlements develop in the context of situations.
- (c) Distinguish between cultural region and cultural realm.

- (d) Briefly discuss the recent changes in the Lepcha Society.
- (e) Briefly classify ethnic groups of India.
- (f) Discuss the factors favouring nucleation in rural settlements.
- (g) Define geopolitics as a concept.
- (h) Distinguish between unipolarisation and bipolarisation.
- (i) What is meant by urban social geography?
- (j) "Important physical features on the earth's surface make useful boundaries."
– Explain.
- (k) Elucidate the concept of social space.

Group-B

(Regional Geography of India)

Category-A

3. Answer any *two* questions from the following within 600 words each. 10×2 = 20
- (a) Classify regions and show the impact of scale and dimension in demarcating regions. 2+8
 - (b) Critically discuss the characteristics of Kashmir Himalayas as a physical unit. 10
 - (c) Divide India into agricultural regions according to ICAR's classification and briefly discuss each cropping zone. 10
 - (d) Explain the extent of regional disparities in India in terms of resource availability and its exploitation. 10

Category-B

4. Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each. 5×4 = 20
- (a) Mention the objectives of planning region.
 - (b) Briefly describe the cropping pattern of Punjab-Haryana agricultural region.
 - (c) What are the major industries of Mumbai-Pune industrial belt?
 - (d) Explain the concept of economic region with suitable examples.
 - (e) What is meant by balanced regional development?
 - (f) Write short notes on formal and functional regions, citing suitable examples.
 - (g) Explain the criteria for identifying backward regions with examples.