



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A./B.Sc. Honours PART-III Examinations, 2017

GEOGRAPHY-HONOURS

PAPER-GEOA-VI

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

(PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY)

(Marks-40)

Category-A

Answer any two questions within 600 words

10×2 = 20

1. Justify why Alexander Von Humboldt is regarded as the “Father of modern geography”.
2. Elaborate the contribution of Carl O’ savor in the evolution of geographical thought.
3. Discuss the relevance of regional differentiation in contemporary geographical studies.
4. Define determinism. Discuss the concept on the basis of the important proponents of this paradigm. 3+7

Category-B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each

5×4 = 20

5. What do you mean by paradigm shift in geography?
6. State the characteristics of Radical approach in geography.
7. Discuss in brief the contributions of David Harvey.
8. Discuss the concept of space in geography.
9. Discuss the basic tenets of positivism.
10. What is Humanistic Geography?
11. Explain how geography can be related to location and time concepts.

Group-B

(CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN GEOGRAPHY)

(Marks-60)

Section -I

Category-A

Answer any *one* question within 600 words

10 ×1 =10

12. What are the differences between Hazards and disaster? Explain different approaches of hazard management.
13. Explain the causes of desertification in India and mention remedies to mitigate desertification in affected areas.

Category-B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each

5×4 = 20

14. How river bank erosion is accelerated by Human intervention?
15. What are the causes of loss of biodiversity?

16. Enumerate the causes of origin and consequences of tropical cyclone, citing examples from West Bengal.
17. Describe the factors for development of flash floods.
18. Suggest suitable management procedures to stabilize landslide in north eastern part of Sivalik Himalayas.
19. Discuss the economic consequences of deforestation.

Section -II
Category-A

Answer any *one* question within 600 words

10×1 = 10

20. Explain underdevelopment. Distinguish between developed and under developed countries in relation to human and gender development. 3+7
21. Discuss the social significance of child labour. Propose remedies to eradicate child labour. 4+6

Category-B

Answer any *four* questions within 150 words each

5×4 = 20

22. Explain population explosion.
23. What are the problems of urbanization in developing countries?
24. What is meant by food security? Discuss in respect of India.
25. Discuss in brief the impact of globalization on Third World economy.
26. Explain the indicators of Human Development.
27. Evaluate the role of social inequality as an obstacle to development process.