



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A./B.Sc. Honours PART-III Examinations, 2018

GEOGRAPHY-HONOURS

PAPER- GEOA-V

Time Allotted: 4 Hours

Full Marks: 100

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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) Discuss how patterns of rural settlements are influenced by site and situation. 5+5
- (b) Define a tribe. Trace the origin of Lepchas and recent developments in their society. 3+7
- (c) Classify Indian languages on the basis of areal distribution. 10
- (d) Discuss and assess the relevance of Homer Hoyt's theory in today's urban structure. 8+2

Category-B

2. Answer any *eight* questions from the following within 150 words each. 5×8 = 40
- (a) Explain the concept of cold war.
- (b) Differentiate between absolute space and relative space.
- (c) Discuss the processes leading to changes in the socio-economic fabric of Santals.
- (d) What are the components of culture?
- (e) How does caste system influence the morphology of rural settlements?
- (f) Define social distance.
- (g) State the geo-political implications of partition in the Punjab region of India.
- (h) Define boundary and discuss the genetic classification of boundary.
- (i) State the functions of C.B. D.
- (j) Discuss the causes of development of dispensed settlements.
- (k) Define an urban area according to the Census.

GROUP-B
(Regional Geography of India)

Category-A

3. Answer any *two* questions from the following within 600 words each. 10×2 = 20
- (a) Discuss the basic principles in delineation of a planning region with suitable examples. Divide India into economic regions according to Bhat and Rao. 6+4
 - (b) State the factors leading to the development of Mumbai-Pune as an industrial region. Discuss the major industries concentrated in this region. 6+4
 - (c) Define region. Discuss the bases of delineating physical regions of India. 2+8
 - (d) Discuss the nature and causes of disparities in India in terms of literacy and health facilities in India.

Category-B

4. Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Discuss the tourism industry in the Vale of Kashmir. What are the problems and prospects of this industry?
 - (b) What is meant by balanced regional development? Give examples from India.
 - (c) What are macro, meso and micro regions?
 - (d) Mention important measures taken to eradicate regional disparities.
 - (e) Discuss briefly the problems faced in the D.V.C. region.
 - (f) Define an ad-hoc region with examples.
 - (g) Discuss the problems faced by farmers in the Punjab-Haryana region.



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GROUP-A

(PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY)

(Marks: 40)

Category-A

Answer any *two* questions from the following within 600 words each 10×2 = 20

1. Enumerate the contribution of Vidal de la Blache as the founder of Human Geography.
2. Assess the significance of positivism in emergence of scientific explanation in Geography.
3. Discuss the characteristics of structuralism in Geography highlighting the reasons for its evolution.
4. Describe the emergence and significance of behavioral approach in human geography. 4+6

Category-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each 5×4 = 20

5. Discuss the importance of locational analysis in Geography.
6. Discuss the importance of time in Geography.
7. What do you mean by paradigm shift in Geography?

8. Distinguish between Absolute space and Relative space.
9. Explain the characteristics of 'Possibilism' in explaining the man-environment relationship.
10. Explain the basic tenets of welfare Geography.
11. Discuss the concept of cultural landscape after Carl Sauer.

GROUP-B

(CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN GEOGRAPHY)

(Marks: 60)

SECTION-I

Category-A

Answer any *one* question from the following within 600 words 10×1 = 10

12. Discuss the reasons for loss of biodiversity with special reference to India. Suggest suitable measures to combat its environmental impacts. 6+4
13. Discuss the reasons of landslide. Suggest suitable management procedures to stabilize landslide prone areas of the Himalayas. 5+5

Category-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each 5×4 = 20

14. Identify the factors leading to coastal erosion in southern part of West Bengal.
15. What is meant by disaster preparedness? Give examples.
16. Distinguish between agricultural and meteorological drought.
17. Distinguish between quasi-natural and man-made hazards with suitable examples.
18. Under what circumstances river bank collapse?
19. Correlate edaphic hazard with biotic hazard.

SECTION-II

Category-A

Answer any *one* question from the following within 600 words 10×1 = 10

20. Define the term “Third World”. Analyse the impact of globalization on economic and social development of the third world countries with examples. 2+8
21. Assess the social and environmental problems associated with uneven urbanization in different metropolitan cities of India. 5+5

Category-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each 5×4 = 20

22. Describe the process of measuring poverty line in India.
23. Discuss the social significance of child labour.
24. Comment on the relation between poverty and hunger.
25. Explain basic principles of sustainable development.
26. Categorise different types of unemployment in India.
27. What are the consequences associated with population explosion?
28. Describe the indicators of gender development.

