

# Geography Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

**Question Paper Specific Instructions**

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.
- The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.
- Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
- Illustrate your answers with suitable sketches/maps and diagrams, wherever considered necessary. These shall be drawn in the space provided for answering the question itself.

**SECTION A**

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| 1(a)  | On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of all of the following. Write in your QCA Booklet the significance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/economic/ecological/environmental/cultural, in not more than 30 words for each entry: (i) Shyok River (ii) Mawlynnong (iii) Shrivasti (iv) Kori Creek (v) Amarkantak (vi) Ghatshila (vii) Tawang (viii) Neyyar (ix) Dandeli (x) Mulshi Lake [Outline map of India provided; 2x10=20 marks] | 20 |
| 1(b)  | Explain the unusual intensity of dust storms and thunder storms across India in the pre-monsoon period of year 2018.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10 |
| 1(c)  | Why setting up of Water Management Boards is a controversial issue in India?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10 |
| 1(d)  | Keeping the recent developments in view, how can the energy crisis of India be circumvented by harnessing non-conventional energy resources?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10 |
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| 2(a)  | Distinguish the geographical aspects of North-Western lava plateau and Chotanagpur plateau of peninsular India.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20 |
| 2(b)  | Explain the contemporary agricultural scenario in the context of rapid urbanization in India.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 |
| 2(c)  | Assess the suitability of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for the sustainable economic development in India.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15 |
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| 3(a)  | Examine the ongoing process of agricultural diversification and its implications for food security in India.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20 |

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| 3(b) | Account for the persisting negative trade balance of India.                                                     | 15 |
| 3(c) | Critically assess the vanishing ethnic linguistic plurality of India.                                           | 15 |
| 4(a) | Examine the driving forces of changing urban morphology of million-plus cities of India with suitable examples. | 20 |
| 4(b) | Discuss the emerging geo-political scenario of Indian Ocean realm.                                              | 15 |
| 4(c) | Give a critical account of region specific constraints of sustainable tourism in India.                         | 15 |

## SECTION B

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| 5    | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each:                                                                                                               | 50 |
| 5(a) | Discuss the socio-economic problems associated with the left behind families of international migrants from India.                                                    | 10 |
| 5(b) | Explain the changing river courses and their impacts on the riparian population in India with suitable examples.                                                      | 10 |
| 5(c) | Make a critical appraisal of the factors affecting river water quality in India.                                                                                      | 10 |
| 5(d) | Examine the role of people's participation in successful decentralised planning in India.                                                                             | 10 |
| 5(e) | Describe the socio-spatial consequences of the recent Nipah viral encephalitis in India.                                                                              | 10 |
| 6(a) | Illustrate with suitable examples the endeavours undertaken in augmenting conservation of water and vegetation in India.                                              | 20 |
| 6(b) | Discuss the strategies of integrated development of island territories in India.                                                                                      | 15 |
| 6(c) | Cross border terrorism has implications on border area development in India. Examine it with suitable examples.                                                       | 15 |
| 7(a) | Explain the pipeline network across India and its impact on regional development.                                                                                     | 20 |
| 7(b) | Discuss the changing composition of international trade through major seaports of India.                                                                              | 15 |
| 7(c) | Peri-urbanization has created enormous environmental problems. Discuss their causes and consequences with reference to the National Capital Region (N.C.R.) of India. | 15 |
| 8(a) | Describe the changing regional morphology of rural settlements in India.                                                                                              | 20 |

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- 8(b) Startups may play important role in giving fillip to economic growth in India. 15  
Illustrate with examples.
- 8(c) Is the land boundary of India with its neighbouring countries a cultural divide 15  
or divided culture? Explain with suitable examples.
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