

Geography Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours | Maximum Marks: 250

Question Paper Specific Instructions

- There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS.
- Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
- Questions no. 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) Vadhawan (ii) Salkhan (iii) Coorg (iv) Mhow (v) Umroi (vi) Thoothukudi (vii) Bargarh (viii) Atal Tunnel (ix) Gurushikhar (x) Bum La [Outline map of India provided; 2 marks for each of the ten entries] | 20 |
| 1(b) | Climate change has unsettled the rhythm of seasons. Comment with examples and empirical evidences. | 10 |
| 1(c) | Discuss the methods of crop residue management in rural India to reduce pollution. | 10 |
| 1(d) | Has the regional aspiration of the people of Jammu and Kashmir been addressed through re-organisation of the state? Make an assessment. | 10 |
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| 2(a) | Identifying areas covered under tribal sub-plan, discuss the programmes initiated to address their problems. | 20 |
| 2(b) | Soil types in India, classified on the basis of colour, possess specific chemical and mineral characteristics. Discuss. | 15 |
| 2(c) | The pharmaceutical industry in India depends on the import of raw materials. Evaluate this statement in view of the Indo-Chinese relationship. | 15 |
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| 3(a) | India has opened-up its space to private sector for satellite based activities. Critically examine its implications indicating the major security concerns. | 20 |

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| 3(b) | Identify oilseeds producing areas in India and discuss the measures to promote edible oil industry. | 15 |
| 3(c) | Give a reasoned geographical account of changing rural folk houses in India. | 15 |
| 4(a) | Border area development is an important national priority. What are the resilient steps needed for peaceful borders? | 20 |
| 4(b) | Stunting and wasting among children are major consequences of food insecurity. Discuss various schemes of Government of India to address these problems and their achievements. | 15 |
| 4(c) | The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill 2020 aims to deregulate the production, supply and distribution of farm produce. Critically examine its spatial consequences. | 15 |

SECTION B

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| 5 | Answer the following questions in about 150 words each: | 50 |
| 5(a) | The success of Panchayati Raj depends upon meaningful participation of people at grassroot level. Examine. | 10 |
| 5(b) | Elucidate the benefits of neem coated urea scheme for Indian agriculture. | 10 |
| 5(c) | Canal irrigation has led to monocropping in India. Explain with suitable examples. | 10 |
| 5(d) | The pattern of growing ecological foot-prints is uneven in nature. Analyse with reference to land resources in India. | 10 |
| 5(e) | Identify challenges faced by generative and parasitic towns in India and their possible remedies. | 10 |
| 6(a) | Digital Divide in India needs quick redressal to reduce regional disparity in development. Elaborate with suitable examples. | 20 |
| 6(b) | Avalanche is a major hazard in the Himalayas. What are its causes and mitigation measures? | 15 |
| 6(c) | The process of demographic transition is not uniform in India. Examine this statement in the context of demographic transition theory. | 15 |
| 7(a) | Demarcating the seismic zones of India, suggest suitable interventions required in most sensitive seismic zones for sustainable human settlements. | 20 |
| 7(b) | What are the characteristics of Blue Flag certified beaches? Discuss their significance for beach tourism in India. | 15 |

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| 7(c) | Urban sprawl around planned cities evolve leading to emergence of squatter settlements. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such outgrowth. | 15 |
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| 8(a) | Analyse the changing nature of workforce composition vis-a-vis rural-urban divide in India. | 20 |
| 8(b) | Describe the economic, maritime and strategic interests of India in South China Sea. | 15 |
| 8(c) | What kind of skill promotion programmes have been initiated for job deficient regions in India? Explain. | 15 |
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