

GEOGRAPHY
(REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY)

PAPER-II

Time Allowed — 3 Hours

Full Marks — 200

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

Answers may be given either in English or in Bengali but all answers must be in one and the same language.

Group-A

(Geography of India)

Answer *Question No. 1 and any two* from the rest.

1. Discuss the significance of location of India on her physical environment. In spite of moderately high rainfall why is the country facing water crises in her various parts? How can the 'demographic dividends' of India achievable in the near future? 20+10+10=40
2. Attempt a regional classification of natural vegetation of India and discuss the major characteristic features associated with them. Bring out the reasons for degeneration of the rivers of India. What are the major afforestation programmes taken up in the country? 15+10+5=30
3. Give an account of the geographical distribution of the principle non-conventional energy sources of India. How are the major biotic resources of the country being utilized at present? 20+10=30
4. Assess the problems associated with tea cultivation in India. Evaluate the trends of automobile industry in the country. What is the current state of air transportation within India? 15+10+5=30
5. Discuss the pattern of urbanization and associated environmental issues in the post-liberalization period in India. Highlight the nature of labour mobility within the country in the present century. 20+10=30

Group-B

(Geography of West Bengal)

Answer *Question No. 6 and any two* of the following.

6. What is the geographical distinctiveness of West Bengal? Why are six seasons normally experienced in most parts of it? Write the geographical distribution and salient features of the major agro-climatic regions of the state. 10+10+20=40
7. Review the utilization and conservation of water resources of West Bengal. Assess the problems pertaining to utilization of land resources of the state. 20+10=30
8. Discuss the trends of food crop cultivation in West Bengal in the present century. Examine its impact on the economy of the state. 20+10=30
9. Elaborate the nature of industrial development in West Bengal since 1990. Elucidate the factors behind such development. 20+10=30
10. Discuss the trends of occupational structure of population of West Bengal in the post-independence period. What are its geographical implications within the state? 20+10=30

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