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INSTRUCTIONS

Each question is printed both in Hindi and in English Answer must be written in the medium specified in the Admission Certificate issues to you, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the answer book in the space provided for the purpose. No marks will be given for the answers written in a medium other than that specified in the Admission Certificate.

Candidate should attempt Question Nos. 1 and 5 which are compulsory and any three of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each section. The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

Illustrate your answer with suitable sketch – maps and diagram.

Section – A

1. On the outline map of the world provided to you , mark the location of any ten of the following , for which 1 (one) mark is given to each correct entry. Write in your answer book the significant geographical relevance / strategic importance of the locations , whether physical / commercial / economic / ecological / environmental / cultural in not more than 40 words for that entry . 5 (five) marks are allotted for each write up:

6 × 10 = 60

- Ozark Plateau
- Anatolia
- Mato Grasso
- Pusan
- Brooks Range
- Dash-e Kavir
- Cape Horn Current
- Burzil Pass
- Bass Strait
- Kjolen
- Santos
- Abuja





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2. Critically examine the concept of geomorphic cycle and discuss the views of W.M.Davis and W. Penck. 60
3. Discuss the mechanics and origin of the monsoon winds and explain the role of El Nino on Monsoon circulation. 60
4. Describe the ideal conditions for coral reef formation and discuss the glacial control theory of coral reef formation.

Section – B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each: $20 \times 3 = 60$
 - a) Desertification as an environmental hazards
 - b) Primate Cities
 - c) Seafloor spreading theory
 - d) Behavioral Geography
6. Discuss the social and economic theories of population growth. 60
7. Describe the laws of international boundaries and frontier. 60
8. Describe the view of von Thunen on agricultural location. 60

