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Question paper specific Instructions

Please read each of the following instruction carefully before attempting questions :

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, any three are to be attempted choosing at least ONE from each section.

Word limit in questions, when specified, should be adhered to.

Illustrate your answers with suitable sketches, maps and diagrams. These shall be drawn in the space provided for answering the question itself.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the question - cum - Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

Geography Paper II



Section A

1. 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 the locations, whether physical / commercial / economic / ecological / environmental/cultural in not more than 30 words for each entry: (15 x 4 =60 marks)

- Akarimota
- Kolleru Lake
- Van Tivu
- Silent Valley
- Amravati River
- Pirotan Island
- Mangla
- Meghnagar
- Shipki La
- Bhachau



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- k) The home of Sundari tree
l) Place of origin of River Narmada
m) Gokak
n) Ken River
o) Bailadila
p) Bhavani Sagar Dam
q) Kutralam Falls
r) Dalma Hills
s) Dhanjori Hills
t) Rangit River
2. a) Discuss the formation and their distribution of the major soil types of India.
b) Give reasons as to why rainfall variability is a characteristic feature of India's monsoons.
3. Distinguish between the West and East coasts of India in terms of their evolution, present topography and drainage pattern.
4. Examine the role of raw materials in the location of the Iron and Steel Industry in India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.

Section B

5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each :
- a) What is the role of the Triple Transport system in the regional development of India?
b) Explain the factors responsible for the distribution of Sugar industry in India.
c) State the geographical factors which influence rural house types in India.
d) Giving reasons, identify the chronic drought - prone areas of India.
6. What are the causes and consequences of environmental degradation in India's industrial areas? Give specific examples.
7. "There is no sharp divide where an urban settlement stops and rural area begins" Analyse the statement with reference, to the sprawl of Indian cities.
8. a) How do the push and pull factors operate for the emergence of slums in the metropolises of India?
b) Discuss the impact of globalization on India's industry and agriculture sectors.