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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, whence 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)

- i. Narcondam
- ii. Kaccayi
- iii. Krishnapatnam
- iv. Shadnagar
- v. Gahirmatha
- vi. Point Calimere
- vii. Jaitapur
- viii. Parichha
- ix. Salto Kangri
- x. Shencottah Gap



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- xi. banas river
- xii. sirpur
- xiii. sanand
- xiv. drass

2. Explain Himalayan Orogeny and illustrate how the process has affected the geomorphic characteristics of Macro divisions of Himalayas
3. (a) Discuss the spatial distribution of Natural Vegetation in India with the help of a sketched map.
(b) Examine the problems and prospects of agro - based industries in Bihar
4. (a) Discuss the emerging pattern of surface water utilisation in India.
(b) Assess as to how surface water utilisation affects food production and food security in the country.

Section B

5. Write about the following in about 250 words each : 15 x 4 = 60
 - a) Role of physiography in cross border terrorism
 - b) Offshore oilfields and coastal ecology
 - c) Spatial pattern of soil erosion in India
 - d) Ethnic diversity of North - eastern States
6. (a) Define an 'Epidemic' and discuss the occurrence of Chikungunya in India
(b) Identify the regions affected by Chikungunya with the help of a sketched map and bring out the regional pattern of the disease.
7. (a) Outline the role of Class II and Class III town in the urban process of India and indicate their contribution towards balanced urban development.
(b) How does the formation of a National Park help ecological restoration and conservation? Explain with suitable examples.
8. (a) Explain how Demographic Transition created Demographic Divide in Contemporary India.
(b) What is Regionalism? Discuss how regionalism affects the developmental process with suitable examples.