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2013 - MAINS - GEOGRAPHY PAPER - II

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. a) On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of all of the following. Write in your Booklet the significance of these locations, whether physical/ commercial / economic / ecological / environmental / cultural, in not more than 30 words for each entry : $2 \times 5 = 10$

a) Mishmi Hills

b) Lipulekh Pass

c) Beas River

d) Rihand Dam

e) Amarnath

b) Explain the topographical and structural characteristics of the Siwalik Range. (150 words) 10

c) Discuss the mechanism of Indian Monsoon. (150 words) 10

d) Identify the main industrial clusters of India and account for their development. (150 words) 10

e) Explain the method of delineating crop-association regions with reference to India. (150 words) 10



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2. a) Discuss the potentiality and present status of horticulture in the Western and Central Himalaya.

(250 words) 20

- b) Delineate the coalfields of India and mention their distinctive features. (150 words) 15
- c) Explain the role of multinationals in globalization of industries India. (150 words) 15

3.

- a) Distributional pattern of industries in India does not provide requisite basis for division of the country into distinct Industrial regions. Elaborate. (25m| 250 words)
- b) Discuss the role of institutional factors in shaping the pattern of Indian agriculture. (15m| 150 words)
- c) What do you understand by 'Young India? How can the present state of population composition be converted into an asset for the country? (15m| 150 words)

4.

- a) Comment on the feasibility of interlinking of rivers of India and its possible contribution to resolution of water crisis. (20m| 250 words)
- b) Define agricultural productivity. Mention the methods of its measurement and bring out the disparities in its regional distribution. (15m| 150 words)
- c) Discuss the problems in realization of benefits of globalization and liberalization in industrial sector of India. (15m| 150 words)

Section B

5. For Question Nos. 5(a) to 5(d) write on each in about 150 words and answer Questions No. 5(e) are directed therein :

- a) City-regions as territorial unit for regional planning and development
- b) Snags in the Food Security Policy of India
- c) Demographic dividend and its implications on environment
- d) Planning and development of 'Tribal Regions' in India
- e) 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. 2 x 5 = 10



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- i. Rajgir
- ii. Sindri
- iii. National Highway No. 24
- iv. Churk
- v. Indira Gandhi Canal

6.

- a) Write a note on geopolitics of the Indian Ocean realm. (20m| 250 words)
- b) Comment on the basis of creation of new States in India in 2000. (15m| 150 words)
- c) Enumerate the basic indicators of development and explain their application in identification of the spatial diversity in development in India. (15m| 150 words)

7.

- a) Write a note on the emergence of National Settlement System in colonial India and discuss the factors contributing to urbanization in post-independence period. (20m| 250 words)
- b) Define slums and explain their problems. (15m | 150 words)
- c) Discuss the objectives of Vision 2020' in creation of viable village complex in India for Inclusive Rural Development' programme. (15m| 150 words)

8.

- a) Identify the earthquake-prone zones and suggest strategy for their management. (20m| 250 words)
- b) Describe the impact of linguistic diversity on the development of various regions of India. (15m| 150 words)
- c) Describe how urbanization creates air and water pollution in India. (15m | 150 words)