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2014 - 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. 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: (2 x 5 =10 marks)
  - i. Guru Shikhar
  - ii. Bhor Ghat
  - iii. Shravanabelagola
  - iv. Kalibangan
  - v. Ganga Sagar
  - a) Explain how eco-tourism, activities could be important livelihood options in the Himalayan and North-Eastern regions of the country.
  - b) How is drainage pattern determined by the water divide?
  - c) Location of thermal power plants and coal fields in India are not mutually conducive. Analyse.
  - d) Why has agro and social forestry failed to achieve its objectives?



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2. Answer the following questions

(20 + 15 + 15 marks)

- Bring out the distribution of Laterite soils in India and their specific use for agriculture.
- Suggest the measures of wild-life conservation with reference to extinction of rare species.
- Describe the problems of agro-based industries in India in general and cotton textiles in particular.

3. Answer the following questions

(20 + 15 + 15 marks)

- Highlight the socio-economic and ecological roles of River Cauvery in its riverine tract.
- Discuss the problems and prospects of National Waterway No. 1.
- Explain the concept of 'Make in India' and indicate the essential inputs for its success.

4. Answer the following questions

(20 + 15 + 15 marks)

- Describe the salient climatological characteristics of Rayalseema region.
- 'In spite of various negative impacts of Green Revolution, there is a demand for New Green Revolution.' Elaborate.
- What are the desired possible changes in our trade policy to promote the development of cottage industry?

### SECTION B

5. Answer the following:

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 marks)

- Mundra Port
- Chandipur
- Mahendragiri
- Hazira
- Vembanad Lake



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- b) Highlight the implications of declining child sex ratio in India.
- c) Analyse the feasibility of “Smart Towns’ Development in India.
- d) Comment on the criteria of identifying Drought Prone Areas in India.
- e) Bring out the role of terrain in determining India’s political influence over neighbouring countries.

6. Answer the following (20 + 15 + 15 marks)

- a) Discuss the trends in emigration focusing on its major thrust.
- b) Account for the multiple problems of urban agglomerations.
- c) Evaluate the Backward Regions Grant Fund Programme.

7. Answer the following (20 + 15 + 15 marks)

- a) How can a meaningful skill development programme contribute to the economic growth of hill areas?
- b) Differentiate between ‘intensity’ and ‘magnitude’ of an earthquake and explain its varying impact in different parts of India.
- c) Discuss the implications of India’s strategic location with reference to the Indian Ocean.

8. Answer the following (20 + 15 + 15 marks)

- a) India is involved in a number of border disputes. Explain the reasons and remedies.
- b) Discuss the concept of Command Area Development and evaluate its success with reference to Indira Gandhi Canal.
- c) How has an inappropriate urban land use policy accounted for undesirable development in and around metropolitan cities.