



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A./B.Sc. Honours Part-III Examination, 2019

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER-GEOA-VI

Time Allotted: 4 Hours

Full Marks: 100

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

GROUP-A

(Philosophy of Geography)

(Marks: 40)

CATEGORY-A

Answer any *two* questions from the following within 600 words each 10×2 = 20

1. Explain the concept of location and space in geography. What is paradigm shift in geography? 8+2
2. Assess the significance of Radical Geography. Highlight the concept of social wellbeing. 6+4
3. Evaluate the changing definitions of geography with time. What is areal differentiation in geography? 7+3
4. Discuss the contribution of Humboldt in the evolution of geography. How can his ideas be related to modern geography? 8+2

CATEGORY-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each 5×4 = 20

5. What are the principles of positivism?
6. Describe in brief the contribution of David Harvey in modern geography?
7. How does the mental map relate with the concept of perceived environment?

8. Explain the concept of climatic determinism by Huntington.
9. Explain structuralism in view of criticism of positivism.
10. Discuss the emergence and significance of Humanistic geography.
11. Describe in brief the nature of the Quantitative Revolution in geographical studies.

GROUP-B

(Contemporary Issues in Geography)

(Marks: 60)

SECTION-I

CATEGORY-A

Answer any *one* question from the following within 600 words

10×1=10

12. Distinguish between risk and vulnerability of hazards. Describe different pre-disaster management programmes. 4+6
13. Discuss the causes of floods with reference to deltaic parts of West Bengal. Suggest measures to control floods in those areas. 7+3

CATEGORY-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each

5×4 = 20

14. Briefly mention the measures taken to control landslides.
15. Discuss the role of Information technology in disaster management.
16. What are the different types of droughts prevalent in India?
17. Discuss the impacts of desertification.
18. Describe the causes of loss of biodiversity.

19. State the consequences of floods.

SECTION-II

CATEGORY-A

Answer any *one* question from the following within 600 words 10×1=10

20. Elucidate the concept of development. Discuss the nature of development in relation to developed and developing nations. 2+8
21. Discuss the nature of the problem of food security in the Third World. How does it relate with the growing population in India? 7+3

CATEGORY-B

Answer any *four* questions from the following within 150 words each 5×4 = 20

22. How has globalization affected the industrial scenario of India?
23. Discuss the reasons behind high prevalence of Child Labour in India.
24. Describe the linkage between poverty and population explosion.
25. Describe the nature of disguised unemployment in the Third World.
26. How does growing urbanization cause environmental degradation?
27. Discuss the issue of malnutrition in the Third World.
28. Describe the indicators of human development.

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