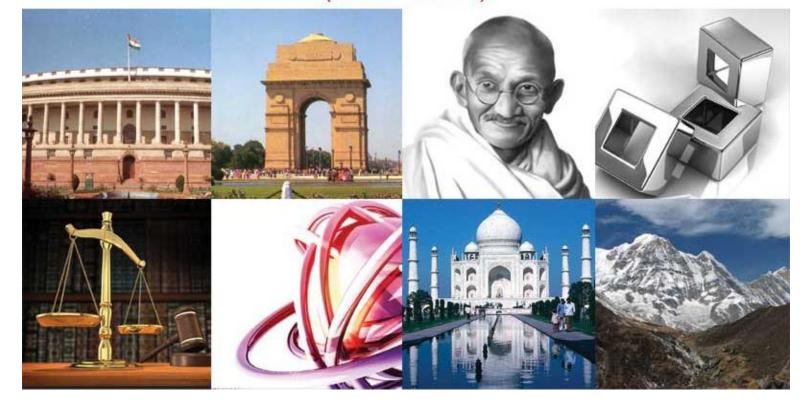
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2002

PAPER - I

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SECTION A

- 1. On the outline, map of the world supplied to you mark any ten of the following and also write in your answer script the most significant aspect of every one of them in not more than ten words each:
 - (a) Adam's Bridge
 - (b) Appalachian Mountains
 - (c) Bohemia
 - (d) Chechnya
 - (e) Golden Triangle
 - (f) Great Artesian Basin
 - (g) Labrador Current
 - (h) Lesotho
 - (i) Patagonia
 - (j) Sahel
 - (k) Tasmania
 - (l) Yucatan Peninsula

- 2. Provide a critique of the 'geographical cycle' model propounded by Davis.60
- Discuss the criteria which Thornthwaite adopted for his 1948 classification of world climates.
- Write in detail on the concept of biosphere as an ecosystem.

SECTION B

- 5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Geosyncline
 - (b) Neo-environmentalism
 - (c) Isolated state
 - (d) Rimland Theory
- 6. Bring out the main points of difference between the central place theories of Christaller and Losch.60

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- Write an essay on 'sustainable development' from the perspective of geography.
- **8.** To what extent do the regional patterns of economic development and human

development in the world correspond with each other? Highlight situations of departure, in particular. 60

PAPER-II

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SECTION A

- 1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the significant aspect of each entry:
 - (i) Blue Mountain
 - (ii) Tawa river
 - (iii) Dallirajhara mines
 - (iv) Marmugao
 - (v) Coimbatore
 - (vi) Kodaikanal
 - (vii) Wular lake
 - (viii) Rourkela
 - (ix) Konkan railway
 - (x) Laterite soils
 - (xi) Gulf of Mannar
 - (xii) Rana Pratap Sagar.
- **2.** Explain the origin, mechanism and characteristics of Summer Monsoon in India.

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- Critically evaluate the Dual impacts of green revolution in India.
 60
- **4.** Discuss the oil and natural gas pipeline networks in India. Highlight their

complementary role in regional development.

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- 5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Account for the present distributional pattern of population density in India.
 - (b) Analyse the role of policy of liberalization on industrial landscape of India.
 - (c) Discuss the salient features of Cauvery Water Award.
 - (d) Elucidate the role of Tribal Development Blocks in development of Tribal areas.
- 6. Explain the causes, impacts and remedial measures of earthquake disaster.60
- In what way the language, religion and tradition can form the basis of cultural regionalisation of India? Elaborate.
 60
- Give a reasoned account of regional disparities in economic development in India and bring out the contribution of decentralized planning in solving this problem.

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PAPER-I

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SECTION A

- On the outline map of the world supplied to you mark any TEN of the following and also write in your answer script the most significant aspect of each of them in not more than TEN words:
 - (a) Stewart Island
 - (b) Shibeli River
 - (c) Asuncion
 - (d) Catskill mountains
 - (e) North Cape
 - (f) Cape York Peninsula
 - (g) Tsugaru Strait
 - (h) Izmir
 - (i) Bay of Plenty
 - (j) Gulf of Darien
 - (k) Uranium City
 - (l) Zagreb.

- **2.** Explain the sequential development of landforms associated with the coastal areas.
 - 60
- Discuss the mechanism and significance of tricellular meridional circulation of atmosphere.
- 4. Present a concise account of bottom relief of the Indian Ocean.60

SECTION B

- **5.** Write short notes on any Three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Genesis of Soils
 - (b) Environmental Pollution
 - (c) Concept of limits go growth
 - (d) Regional imbalances.
- **6.** Present a critical analysis of human and welfare approaches in Human Geography.

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- Examine the concept of sphere of urban influence and discuss the qualitative and quantitative methods used in its delimitation.
 60
- 8. Critically examine the stages of Economic Growth Model propounded by Rostov. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.60

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the significant aspect of each entry:
 - (i) Loktak Lake
 - (ii) Elephanta Island
 - (iii) Kali Sindh River
 - (iv) Ranikhet
 - (v) Girnar Hills
 - (vi) Alwaye
 - (vii) Shillong Plateau
 - (viii) Kolar Gold Mines
 - (ix) Salem
 - (x) Rohtang Pass
 - (xi) Gobind Ballabh Pant Sagar
 - (xii) New Mangalore
- Highlight the salient differences between the Himalayan and the Peninsular drainage systems.
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- Give an account of the success and prospects of Blue Revolution with comments on its

impacts on rural economy of India.

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4. Discuss the growing importance of ports in foreign trade of India.60

- 5. Answer any three of the following in 200 words each:
 - (a) Discuss the census definition of urban areas in India:
 - (b) Explain the concept of Command Area Development in respect of Multi-Purpose Projects of India.
 - (c) Identify the drought-prone areas of India and discuss the measures of their development.
 - (d) Make an appraisal of the role of India in the geo-politics of the Indian Ocean.
- 6. Discuss the programmes and policy of development of dry areas in India.60
- Present an account of the experience of regional planning in India in the context of Damodar Valley.
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- Explain the causes of regional disparities in economic development of India.

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. On the outline map of the world supplied to you, mark any ten of the following and also write in your answer script the most significant aspect of every one of them in not more than ten words each:
 - (a) Andes
 - (b) Bamian
 - (c) Cape Horn
 - (d) Darwin
 - (e) Fiji
 - (f) Great Lakes
 - (g) Iberian Peninsula
 - (h) Maastricht
 - (i) Nunavut
 - (j) Pyrenees
 - (k) Sinai
 - (l) Kalahari

- 2. Describe the landforms which are products of endogenetic forces.60
- 3. How would the impact of global warming differ from one part of the earth to another?Give a reasoned account.60
- 4. Discuss the mid-Atlantic Ridge in terms of its origin extent and relief.60

SECTION B

5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:

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- (a) Peneplain
- (b) Pelagic deposits
- (c) Potential evapotranspiration
- (d) Growth pole
- 6. To what extent are the heartland and rim land theories helpful in understanding the world political situation today? Express your opinion clearly.60

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- 7. Discuss various strategies for correcting regional imbalances.60
- 8. Distinguish between radical and welfare approaches in geographic studies.60

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the significant aspects of each entry:
 - (i) Gulf of Kutch
 - (ii) Indravati river
 - (iii) Mount Abu
 - (iv) Ganga river waterway from Allahabad
 - (v) Dhauladhar range
 - (vi) Kudremukh
 - (vii) Gulmarg
 - (viii) Black soils
 - (ix) Nagarjun Sagar
 - (x) Bhuj
 - (xi) Rajrappa Fall
 - (xi) Dimapur.
- Discuss the role of spatial pattern of rainfall and temperature in the delimitation of climatic regions of India, especially with reference of Stamp's climatic regionalization.
- **3.** Identify the important biotic-resource regions of India. Highlight, in brief the problems and remedial measures of biotic-resource conservation in India. **60**
- 4. Give a comparative account of the

development of River Water Transport in pre-colonial and post-independence periods in India. Highlight the role of River Transport in regional development. 60

- **5.** Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Evaluate the population policy of India and examine its relevance to the nation's population control.
 - (b) How do slums develop? Give concrete suggestions for their improvement.
 - (c) Write an essay on the origin, dimensions and implications of Sino-Indian border dispute.
 - (d) Evaluate the concept of sustainable growth and development.
- 6. "Economic characteristics of an area exert a much more direct effect upon its population patterns than do the physical characteristics." Explain with examples.
 60
- Explain the causes, impacts and remedial measures of flood-hazards in Middle and Lower Ganga plain.
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- 8. Examine the regional development policy of India in various Five Year Plans. 60

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SECTION A

- 1. On the outline map of the World supplied to you, mark any ten of the following and also write in your answer script the most significant aspect of each of them in not more than 10 words:
 - (a) Taipei
 - (b) Bern
 - (c) Lake Balaton
 - (d) Port Louis
 - (e) Great Barrier Reef
 - (f) Leeds
 - (g) Broken Hill
 - (h) Nova Scotia
 - (i) Madrid
 - (j) Moluccas
 - (k) Graz
 - (l) Mosul

- 2. "Structure is a dominant control factor in the evolution of landforms. Discuss with suitable examples.60
- 3. Discuss the main features of the climatic classification system evolved by Koppen. Also point out its anomalies.60
- Bring out the major problems of environmental pollution at global scale and suggest measures to check it.

- **5.** Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Role of seismic waves in the study of earth's interior
 - (b) Soil erosion and conservation
 - (c) Areal differentiation
 - (d) Concept of primate city
- Examine the Heart-land theory, and assess its merits and demerits.
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- 7. Discuss Weber's theory of industrial location, and as-sess its relevance in the present-day context.60
- 8. What is a region? Discuss the methods of regionalisation.60

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the significant aspects of the same ten entries.
 - (i) Jawahar Lal Nehru Port
 - (ii) Chandra Bhaga River
 - (iii) Kaimur Range
 - (iv) Dalhousie
 - (v) Ganga Sagar
 - (vi) Indira Point
 - (vii) Cardamom Hills
 - (viii) Bombay High
 - (ix) Nag Pahar
 - (x) Gersoppa Falls
 - (xi) Pulicat Lake
 - (xii) Kakinada
- **2.** "Non-conventional energy is the energy of the future in India." Justify this statement.

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3. Present an account of the success and constraints of White Revolution in India.

What is the Golden Quadrilateral? Discuss the progress made in its execution and impacts on Indian economy.
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SECTION B

- 5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Identify the tribal areas of India and highlight their important problems.
 - (b) Discuss briefly the principal types of rural settlements in India.
 - (c) Elucidate the concept of sustainable growth and development.
 - (d) Discuss Panchayati Raj as a measure of decentralised planning in India.
- 6. Give an account of the distribution of flood-prone areas of India and the programmes and policy of controlling the impact of floods in the country.60
- Examine the relationship between geography and regional planning.
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- 8. Discuss the experience of regional planning in India in the context of the National Capital Region.60

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. On the outline map of the World provided to you, mark the location of any ten of the following. Also write in your answer script the most significant aspect of each of them in not more than 10 words:
 - (a) Kulti
 - (b) Mount Adam
 - (c) Pidurutala Galle
 - (d) Yangon
 - (e) Kuala Terengganu
 - (f) Brunei
 - (g) East Timor
 - (h) Greater Kinghan
 - (i) Shanghai
 - (i) Ulan Bator
 - (k) Dodoma
 - (l) Tshwane
- Critically evaluate the continental drift hypothesis of A. Wegener.
 60
- 3. Compare the structure and associated

weather conditions of tropical cyclone with that of temperate cyclone. 60

4. Discuss the global ecological imbalances and their management.60

- 5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Distribution of soils
 - (b) Cultural regions of the world
 - (c) Sustainable development
 - (d) Ocean currents of Northern Atlantic Ocean
- In urban geography, what are the concepts of primate city and Rank Size Rule? Discuss in detail.
- 7. What is the concept of a region? Discuss the types of regions.60
- Write down main agricultural types and their associated features with special reference to Whittlesey. Show these regions on the World map provided to you.
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SECTION A

- 1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied, any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the significant aspects of each entry:
 - (i) Malaygiri
 - (ii) Sibsagar
 - (iii) Khetri
 - (iv) Kolleru lake
 - (v) Sind river
 - (vi) Kalakot
 - (vii) Nathula pass
 - (viii) Renukoot
 - (ix) Sabarigiri
 - (x) Surendranagar
 - (xi) New Moore Island
 - (xii) Javadi hills
- 2. Give a critical account of the recent theories of origin of Indian monsoon with special reference to Jet Stream Theory.60
- 3. Discuss the problems and prospects of dry zone agriculture in India and highlight strategies and schemes for its development.

4. Trace the evolution of industries in India and evaluate the role of multinationals and liberalisation policies in this context.60

SECTION B

- 5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Discuss the causes and consequences of sex-ratio variations in India.
 - (b) Examine the geographical basis of Indian federalism.
 - (c) Write an essay on the population explosion and food security in India.
 - (d) Discuss the elements and approaches of town planning in India.
- 6. Explain the morphology of Indian cities in the background of existing morphological models.60
- 7. Present an account of tribals, tribal areas and their problems in India.

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8. Explain the processes and patterns of regional disparities in India and suggest suitable measures for bringing about the regional balances.60

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2007

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. On the outline map of Africa provided to you, mark the location of any ten of the following. Also write in your answer script the most significant aspect of each of them in not more than 10 words:
 - (i) Casablanca
 - (ii) Kimberley
 - (iii) Aswan
 - (iv) Kalahari
 - (v) Alexandria
 - (vi) Durban
 - (vii) Lagos
 - (viii) Luanda
 - (ix) Lake Victoria
 - (x) Cape Town
 - (xi) Niger Delta
 - (xii) Maputo

- Discuss the development of local winds, and their influence on local weather, giving three examples of the well-known local winds in the world.
- Discuss the different bases for classifying the ocean deposits and give a detailed account of pelagic deposits of the oceans.
 60
- 4. Define the concept of isostasy and discuss the postulations of Airy and Pratt.60

- 5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (i) Social Forestry and Environmental Conservation
 - (ii) Dualism in Geography
 - (iii) Eustatic changes of Sea-level
 - (iv) Delineation of Urban Fringe

- 6. Explain the concept of sustainable development and propose a model for agricultural development.60
- 7. Give an account of the functional bases of
- central place hierarchy.
- 60
- Write a note on the parameters used to describe the demographic transitions in the developing countries like India.60

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SECTION A

- Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words each) on the significant aspects of the same ten entries:
 - (a) Nagarjuna Sagar
 - (b) Dharmasala
 - (c) Aizawl
 - (d) Konkan Railway
 - (e) Kovalam Beach
 - (f) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
 - (g) ICRISAT
 - (h) Vishakhapatnam Port
 - (i) Panna
 - (j) Nuclear Fuel Complex
 - (k) Gurgaon
 - (l) Bodh Gaya
- Explain the different views put forth about the origin of Himalayas and divide Himalayas into vertical divisions.
 60
- Discuss the need of conservation and utility of water resource in India.

4. "The institutional factors have grip over the crop pattern and crop productivity on Indian agriculture." Justify.60

- 5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Discuss the policies and programmes of Integrated Rural Development Programmes in India.
 - (b) Explain the causes and consequences of migration.
 - (c) Write a critical note on the Cauvery River Dispute.
 - (d) Critically examine the Panchayati Raj setup.
- 6. Bring out the impact of multinationals and liberalisation on the Industrial Economy/Pattern of India'.60
- 7. Discuss environmental problems of India in the context of rapid economic development and population growth.60
- 8. "Slums are urban menace." Elucidate with Indian cities as examples.60

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2008

PAPER-I

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SECTION A

- 1. On the outline map of the world provided to you, mark the location of any ten of the following, for which 1 (one) mark is given to each correct entry. Write in your answer book the significant geographical relevance or strategic importance of the locations, whether physical / commercial / economic / eco-logical / environmental / cultural in not more than 40 words for that entry. 5 (five) marks are allotted for each write-up:
 - (a) Ozark Plateau
 - (b) Anatolia
 - (c) Mato Grasso
 - (d) Pusan
 - (e) Brooks Range
 - (f) Dasht-e Kavir
 - (g) Cape Horn Current
 - (h) Burzil Pass
 - (i) Bass Strait

- (j) Kjolen Range
- (k) Santos
- (l) Abuja
- 2. Critically examine the concept of geomorphic cycle and discuss the views of W. M. Davis and W. Penck. (60)
- Discuss the mechanism and origin of Monsoon winds and explain the sole of El Nino on Monsoon circulation. (60)
- **4.** Describe the ideal conditions for Coral reef formation and discuss the glacial control theory of coral reef formation. **(60)**

- 5. Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Desertification as an environmental hazard
 - (b) Primate cities
 - (c) Seafloor spreading theory
 - (d) Behavioural Geography

- 6. Discuss the social and economic theories of population growth. (60)
- 7. Describe the laws of international

boundaries and frontiers.

8. Discuss the views of von Thunen on agricultural location. (60)

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SECTION A

- 1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied any ten of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 40 words each) on the significant aspects of the same ten entries.
 - (a) Butcher Island
 - (b) Gopalpur Beach
 - (c) Lavasa
 - (d) Gandhisagar
 - (e) Nam Dapha
 - (f) Pampore
 - (g) Mount Harrier
 - (h) Barail Ranges
 - (i) Palitana
 - (j) NIO
 - (k) Baltel
 - (l) Pindari
- 2. Distinguish between the Himalayan and the peninsular drainage systems. (60)
- **3.** Discuss the bases of identifying agroclimatic zones and explain the corestrategies for agricultural development. **(60)**

 Explain the factors promoting the rapid growth and development of the automobile industry in India, giving suitable examples.
 (60)

SECTION B

- 5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Suggest appropriate energy policy for minimising energy crisis in India.
 - (b) Describe and explain the spatial patterns of literacy in India.
 - (c) Assess the geopolitical significance of Indian ocean.
 - (d) Explain the concept of sustainable development and examine its relevance.
- 6. 'Unplanned urban development has created numerous problems.' Comment. (60)
- 7. Critically examine the bases of state reorganisation in India since independence.

(60)

8. Discuss the problems and prospects of development of catchment and command areas. (60)

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketches, maps and diagrams, where appropriate.

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SECTION A

- Answer the following in about 200 words each
 - (a) Highlight the geomorphic features essentially found in topographies under the Second Cycle of Erosion. 2
 - (b) Give a brief account of the principal land biomes and their latitudinal distribution.
 - 20
 - (c) Discuss views on slope development provided by L. C. King. 20
- 2. (a) Identify each feature that is indicated by the numerals (i) to (x) on the World Map provided. Identification of the feature carries 2 marks each.
 - **(b)** Mention the location of each feature in

- respect of \pm GMT. This carries 1 mark each.
- **(c)** Provide a write-up on the significance of the identified feature in approximately 40 words. This carries 3 marks each.
- **3. (a)** Explain factors contributing to the Global Climate Change. **20**
 - (b) Discuss the consequences of Climate Change of agriculture and food security, and on the Coastal Zones of the world.
 20
 - (c) How does Climate Change affect urban areas? 20
 - **4. (a)** Examine economic significance of the resources of the Continental shelf of the Indian Ocean. **30**

(b) Comment on marine heat budget and the oceanic circulation system. 30

SECTION B (Human Geography)

- **5.** Write short notes on any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - (a) Weight Triangle
 - (b) 'Limits to Growth' model
 - (c) Tropical atmospheric instability.
 - (d) Zonal and Azonal soils.
 - 6. (a) Provide a geographical account of global production and distribution of food.30

(b) 'Quantitative Revolution and model building provided an empirical basis for geographical research'- Elaborate.

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- Elaborate the concept of Megalopolis and discuss the characteristics and problems related to two such regions selecting one each from North America and Europe.
 60
 - **8. (a)** Provide a broad classification of world cultural regions. **30**
 - **(b)** Highlight the significance of environmental issues in Regional Planning. 30

PAPER-II

Time Allowed: 3 Hours Maximum marks: 300

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

- 1. On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of any fifteen of the following for which 1(one) mark is given to each correct entry. Write in your answer script the significant geographical relevance or strategic importance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/economic/ecological/environmental/cultural in not more than 30 words for each entry. 3 (three) marks are allotted for each write-up.
 - (a) Akarimota
 - (b) Kolleru Lake
 - (c) Van Tivu
 - (d) Silent Valley
 - (e) Amravati River
 - (f) Pirotan Island

- (g) Mangla
- (h) Meghnagar
- (i) Shipki La
- (j) Bhachau
- (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.30

- (b) Give reasons as to why rainfall variability is a characteristic feature of India's monsoons 30
- Distinguish between the West and East coasts of India in terms of their evolution, present topography and drainage pattern.
 60
- Examine the role of raw materials in the location of the Iron and Steel Industry in India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
 60

- **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?
 60
- 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.60
 - 8. (a) How do the 'push' and 'pull' factors operate for the emergence of slums in the metropolises of India?30
 - (b) Discuss the impact of globalization on India's industry and agriculture sectors.30

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Illustrate your answers with suitable sketches, maps and diagrams, where appropriate.

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SECTION A

- 1. Write short notes on the following in about.
 - (a) Essential conditions for the development of Karst topography
 - (b) Ocean deposits
 - (c) Inversion of temperature
 - (d) Floristic Kingdoms, based on their global distribution
- 2. (a) Bring out the relevance of seismic study in determining the structure of the interior of the earth. 30
 - (b) "Weathering is a complex phenomenon involving a number of processes and is influenced by various factors," Elaborate. 30

- (a) What is 'polar front'? How does cyclone develop along this front?

 Describe the weather conditions associated with it.

 30
 - (b) Examine the various kinds of atmospheric humidity and their associated forms.
- 4. (a) Explain the scientifically sound methods of bathymetry and give an account of the bottom topography of the Atlantic Ocean.
 - (b) Give an account of the structure of ecosystem and describe its functional aspects.

SECTION B

5. Write short explanatory notes on the following. 60

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- (a) Neo-determinism
- (b) Occidental cultural real
- (c) Optimum population
- (d) Growth poles
- (e) Von Thunen's concept of economic rent
- 6. (a) Critically examine the method of deriving Human Development Index.

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- (b) "Famine, to considerable extent, is a man-made hazard." Elaborate. 30
- (a) Critically examine the changing perspectives on the concept of a real

differentiation.

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- (b) Bring out the sequential improvements in models of city structure by E. W. Burgess, Homer Hoyt, and Harris and Ullman.
- 8. (a) Discuss the role of World Trade Organisation in determining the pattern of world trade. 30
 - (b) "Huge populations of developing countries are not a curse. These may be and also are an asset, it situations are properly managed." Elaborate on this assertion.

PAPER-II

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The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

Illustrate your answers with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams.

SECTION A

1. On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of ALL of the following for which 1 (one) mark is given to each correct entry.

Write in your answer script the significant geographical relevance of strategic importance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/ecological/environmental/cultural in not more than 30 words for each entry. 3 (three) marks are allowed for each write-up.

- (a) Narcondam
- (b) Kavvayi
- (c) Krishnapatnam
- (d) Shadnagar

- (e) Gahirmatha
- (f) Point Calimere
- (g) Jaitapur
- (h) Parichha
- (i) Saltoro Kangri
- (j) Shencottah Gap
- (k) Banas River
- (l) Sirpur
- (m) Sanand
- (n) Drass
- Explain Himalayan Orogeny and illustrate how the process has affected the geomorphic characteristics of Macro divisions of Himalayas.
 60
- 3. (a) Discuss the spatial distribution of Natural Vegetation in India with the help of a sketched map. 30

- (b) Examine the problems and prospects of agro-based industries in Bihar. 30
- 4. (a) Discuss the emerging pattern of surface water utilization in India. 30
 - (b) Assess as to how surface water utilization affects food production and food security in the country.30

SECTION B

- 5. Write about the following in about 250 words each. 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
- (a) Define an 'Epidemic' and discuss the occurrence of Chikungunya in India.

30 fy the regions affected by

- (b) Identify the regions affected by Chikungunya with the help of a sketched map and bring out the regional of the disease.
- 7. (a) Outline the role Class II and Class III towns 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 example.
 30
- 8. (a) Explain how Demographic Transition created Demographic Divide in Contemporary India. 30
 - (b) What is Regionalism? Discuss how regionalism affects the developmental process with suitable examples. 30

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Paper I

Maximum Marks: 300

Time Allowed: Three Hours

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Candidate should attempt Question Nos. 1 and 5, which are compulsory, and any *three* of the remaining questions selecting at least one question selecting at least one question from each Section.

All questions carry equal marks.

The number of the marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

Parts of the question must be answered together and must not be interposed between answers to other questions. Illustrate your answer with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams, where appropriate.

Section 'A'

- 1. Write short notes on the following in about 150 words each: $12 \times 5 = 60$
 - (a) Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism
 - (b) Rossby waves and Jet Stream
 - (c) Salinity patterns in Indian Ocean
 - (d) Soil profile in Zonal and Azonal soils
 - (e) Marine Ecosystem
- (a) Name the climatically controlled agents of erosion. Explain how they differ in terms of properties of matter.
 Compare the landforms produced by each of them.
 30
 - (b) Explain the concept of Isostasy as postulated by Airy and Pratt. 30

- 3. (a) Give an account of global distribution of precipitation. 30
 - (b) "Contemporary global climate change is an anthropogenic phenomenon." Discuss 30
- 4. (a) "Temperature, salinity and density differences in ocean water are the prime causes of ocean water circulation." Elaborate.
 - (b) Define the term biome. List the terrestrial biomes and describe the characteristics of Savanna biome. 30

Section 'B'

- 5. Write short explanatory notes on the following: $12 \times 5 = 60$
 - (a) Welfare approach in Human Geography

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- (b) Secondary cities in the context of urbanisation in developing world.
- (c) Isodapane in the theory of Industrial location.
- (d) Population & food security.
- (e) Ingredients of Sustainable Development.
- 6. (a) Discuss the impact of positivism in paradigm shift in Geography. 30
 - (b) Enumerate alternative strategies of planning for backward regions. 30

- (a) Distinguish between boundaries and frontiers. Identify different types of boundaries.
 30
 - (b) Mention the agricultural regions as classified by Whittlessey and discuss their relevance. 30
- 3. (a) Discuss System Approach and its applicability in Geography.30
 - (b) Critically examine the salient features of Central Place Theory propounded by Christaller and Losch.

Paper II

Maximum Marks: 300 Time Allowed: Three Hours

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Candidate should attempt Question Nos. **1** and **5**, which are compulsory, and any **three** of the remaining questions selecting at least one question selecting at least one question from each Section.

The number of the marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

Illustrate your answer with suitable sketch-maps and diagrams, wherever considered required.

An outline map of India is attached to this question paper for answering Question No. 1.

This map is to be carefully detached from the question paper and attached securely to the answer book by the candidate.

Section 'A'

1. On the outline map of India provided to you mark the location of *ALL* of the following for which 1 (one) mark is given to each correct entry.

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 $5 \times 12 = 60$

(a) Badami

- (b) Mandvi
- (c) Dodital
- (d) Yanam
- (e) Netarhat
- (f) Shansabad
- (g) Lakshmantirth River
- (h) Bara-Lacha La
- (i) Kalakot Fall
- (j) Singrauli
- (k) Dafla Hills
- (l) Tree Island
- **2.** Present a comparative analysis of the regimes of Himalayan and Peninsular rivers of India and examine their implications in the irrigation system of the country

- (a) Identify the major biosphere reserve of India and discuss their role in the conservation of forest and wildlife.30
 - (b) Give an account of potentiality and prospects of development of marine resources of India. 30
- **4.** (a) Discuss the potentiality and status of aquaculture in the Ganga Plain. 30
 - (b) Assess the scope and development of Pharmaceuticals Industry in India.

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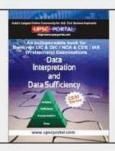
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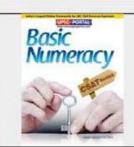
- **5.** Write about the following in about 200 words each: $15 \times 4 = 60$
 - (a) Prospects of Rainbow Revolution in India
 - (b) Karewa Deposits and their economic significance.
 - (c) Impact of land tenure on agricultural produce.
 - (d) Agro-forestry in India.

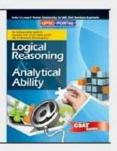
- 6. (a) Asses the growing importance of air transport in India and examine its role in the regional development of the country.
 - (b) Discuss the spatial pattern of the intraregional migration in India and examine its implications in regional development. 30
- 7. (a) Differentiate between conurbation and metropolitan regions. Give a reasoned account of emerging conurbations in India.
 - (b) Identify the ravine affected areas in India and discuss the environmental and economic impacts of their reclamation. 30
- (a) Discuss the problems of environmental degradation generated by the urban wastes in India.
 - (b) Analyse the causes of desertification in India. Represent the desertified areas of the country on a sketch map and suggest remedial measures to control it. 30

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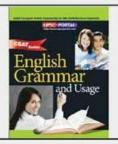


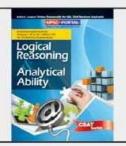




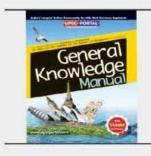




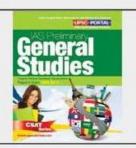




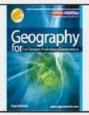


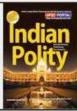


















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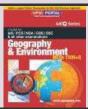


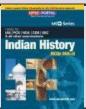
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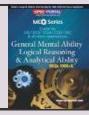


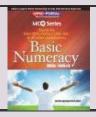


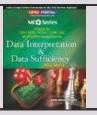












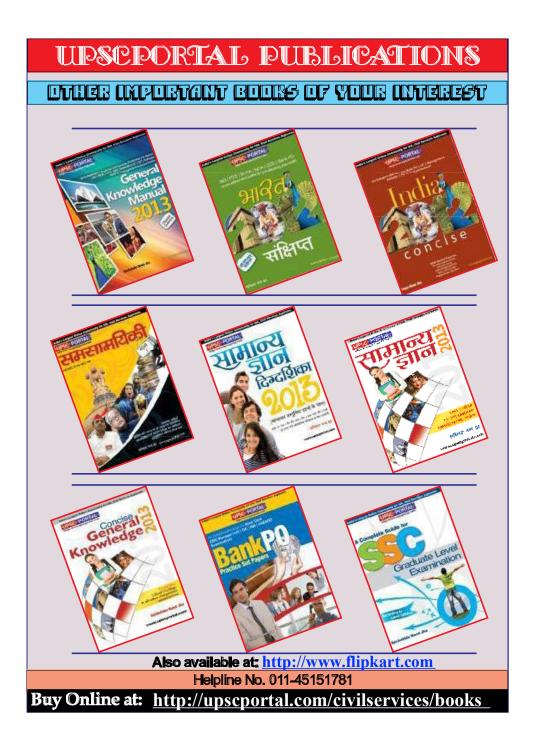




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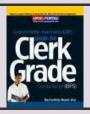
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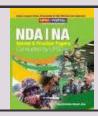


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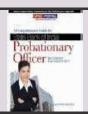














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