

2020

GEOGRAPHY — HONOURS

Sixth Paper

Full Marks : 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

Module - XI

(Philosophy of Geography)

(Marks : 50)

Category - A

Answer **any one** question (within **600** words).

1. Trace the development of geographical ideas during medieval period. What were the contributions of Varenius? 20+10
2. Explain how the study of Geography is related to the concept of areal differentiation. 30
3. Elaborate on the importance and significance of Empiricism and Positivism in the growth of scientific explanations in Geography. 30
4. What are the salient features of the Radical School of geographical thought? Mention two major Radical geographers and their contributions. 15+15
5. Discuss the basic tenets of Behaviouralism mentioning its strengths and weaknesses. 15+15

Category - B

6. Answer **any two** questions (within **150** words) : 10×2
 - (a) State in brief the relation of Geography with History.
 - (b) Briefly mention the principles of Humanistic Geography.
 - (c) State the characteristics of Structuralism.
 - (d) Mention the contributions of Humboldt.
 - (e) Distinguish between 'environmental determinism' and 'possibilism'.
 - (f) State the increasing importance of quantification in Geography.
 - (g) How do models help explanations in Geography?
 - (h) Distinguish between location and space in Geography.

Please Turn Over

Module - XII

(Contemporary Issues in Geography)

(Marks : 50)

Category - A

Answer **any one** question (within **600** words).

7. Classify drought and elucidate the environmental impact of drought. 10+20
8. Discuss the factors responsible for contamination of groundwater with suitable examples. Suggest suitable remedial measures. 20+10
9. Explain the mechanism of river bank erosion with special reference to such erosion in West Bengal. 25+5
10. Define globalisation. Discuss the economic impact of globalisation. 5+25
11. Examine the role of economic disparity as constraint of development. 30

Category - B

12. Answer **any two** questions (within **150** words) : 10×2
- (a) Why is flood considered as a quasi-natural hazard?
- (b) State the precautionary measures to mitigate earthquake hazard.
- (c) Briefly describe the environmental impact of hailstorm.
- (d) Assess in brief the impact of desertification.
- (e) How does gender bias affect social inequality?
- (f) Evaluate the socio-economic importance of food security.
- (g) Specify the indicators of human development.
- (h) Distinguish between nutritional poverty line and income poverty line.
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