

2009

M.Sc. Part-II Examination

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER—VI

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Write the answer question of each module in separate books.

Module—11

(Geographical Thought)

[Marks : 50]

Answer any four questions selecting two from each group.

2×15

Group—A

1. What is meant by *dualism* and *dichotomics* in Geography ?
Distinguish between *Systematic Geography* and *Regional Geography*. 5+10

2. State the basic principles of *Positivism*. Explain the paradigm shift of *Positivism* by *Radicalism*. 8+7

(Turn Over)

3. Enumerate the basic features of *Post-modernism*. How would you differentiate modernism from that of *Post-modernism*. 10+5
4. Discuss the concept of *Behaviouralism*. What is meant by mental maps? 10+5

Group—B

5. Examine critically the concept of *feminism* in Geography. How would you assess the relevance of *gender issue* in the present day context? 6+4
6. What do you understand by *welfare approach* in Geography? 10
7. Identify the major trends in Geography since 1950's. 10
8. Answer any *two* questions : 5×2
- (a) What is *model* in Geography?
- (b) Do you consider geography to be a social science?
- (c) What is '*stop and go*' determinism?
- (d) How *quantitative revolution* has brought changes in the research methodology of geography?

Module—12

(Regional Development and Multilevel Planning)

[Marks : 50]

Answer any four questions selecting two from each group.

Group—A

1. In planning, why is it necessary to conceive 'region as an inseparable unit in an aggregated whole'? How does *National* planning differ from *regional* planning, *local* planning and *ad hoc* planning. 7+8
2. What do you understand by *Cultural region* and *cultural landscape*? Examine the indices employed in delineating cultural regions in India. 5+10
3. What are the major problems that put resistance to the development of coastal regions of India? How are they planned for abatement through integrated coastal zone management? 10+5
4. Define development. Discuss the different measures of regional development. What are the strength and weaknesses of multi-level planning policy in India? 2+5+8

Group—B

5. Highlight the salient features and agricultural problems in each of the agro-climatic regions of India. 10

6. "A functional region can not be entirely self-contained".—
Discuss. 10
7. Differentiate *mega city* from *metropolitan city*. Distinguish between metropolitan *area* and metropolitan *region* with particular reference to Kolkata. 5+5
8. How do the tribal regions differ from non-tribal regions in terms of agricultural pattern and social structure? 5+5
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