

**2009**

**M.Sc.**

**2nd Semester Examination**

**GEOGRAPHY**

**PAPER—GR-1203**

**Full Marks : 40**

**Time : 2 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.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

**Write the answer Questions of each Unit in separate books**

**Unit-17**

*(Land Use Planning & Management-I)*

1. Answer any one from the following : 1×8
- (a) How does the landuse pattern undergo changes in the changing spectrum of societal needs ? Furnish specific examples.
- (b) To what extent is reclamation of wetlands an ecologically viable option for their management ? Substantiate yours views citing cases from West Bengal.

*(Turn Over)*

2. Answer any two from the following :

2×4

- (a) Highlight the fundamental principles of land use as advocated by L. D. Stamp.
- (b) How did ceiling of landholding, as a strategy for rural land reforms, suffered from unlawful transfer of land and fragmentation of holdings ?
- (c) How would you conduct land use survey of a mouza ?
- (d) What are the basic environmental considerations of crop suitability assessment ?

3. Answer any two from the following :

2×2

- (a) Distinguish between *land use* and *land cover*.
  - (b) Assess the importance of past experiences of land utilization in land use planning.
  - (c) Mention the land potentiality classes as proposed by U.S.D.A.
  - (d) What are tools of a land planner ?
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**Unit-18***( Political Geography )*

1. Answer any one question : 8×1
- (a) Critically explain Mackinder's Heartland theory. How far the theory is relevant in present day context ?  
6+2
- (b) Discuss the effectiveness of the rulings of Krishna-Godabari Tribunal published in 1976 to solve the dispute among riparian states. Name any proponent of the concept of Geopolitics.  
6+2
2. Answer any two questions : 4×2
- (a) Define and specify scope of Electoral Geography.
- (b) Discuss the principle of Friedman (1966) in the development *core-periphery* structure.
- (c) Discuss in brief the political consequences of Partition of India.
- (d) Analyze the role of economic blocs in international trade.

3. Answer any *two* questions :

2×2

- (a) Briefly discuss the policy of non-alignment.
  - (b) What are the unilateral processes involved in Ganga Water dispute?
  - (c) Define *Lebensraum*.
  - (d) What are NAFTA and EU-15?
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