

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2005

(Optional Papers)

GEOGRAPHY

Paper II

Time Allowed-3 Hours

Full Marks-100

All question carry equal marks.

Group - A

Answer *any two* questions

18x3=54

1. Discuss the topographical diversity of the Asian subcontinent briefly highlighting how it influences the geopolitics of southern and western Asia.
2. Discuss the major differences in population policy of China and India, highlighting the impact of the differences on the growth rates of population of the respective countries.
3. Analyze the significance of distribution of fossil fuel in the Asian subcontinent and indicate the strategic role of Pakistan in its utilization and trade.
4. Discuss the problem of deforestation in different parts of India indicating the measures undertaken to combat it.
5. Discuss the role of tectonic activity in triggering of disaster along the coastal areas of south, south east and eastern Asia.
6. Discuss how climate change is likely to affect the Sundarbans. Mention why this deltaic zone has been selected a World Heritage site.

Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

7. Discuss how resource management has changed in Russia with the emergence of Commonwealth of Independent states.

8. Describe the agricultural characteristics of Western Europe highlighting the commercial significance of this sector of the economy.
9. Discuss the impact of reunification of Eastern and Western Germany on resource utilization of Germany.
10. State the role of industrial development on the economy of Great Britain.
11. Discuss the formation and characteristics of fold mountain systems of Europe.

Group-C

Answer *any one* question.

12. Discuss the development of commercial fishing around North America.
13. Explain how consumerism has affected the pollution control strategies of U.S.A. Highlight what import strategies are having on the less developed or developing countries of the world.
14. Discuss with examples the development of industry dealing with Information Technology U.S.A. highlighting global pattern of trade of skill and products triggered off by such development.