

West Bengal Civil Service Examination (Main), 2008 (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. Divide Asia into structural regions and describe the characteristics of any two of such regions. Comment on the origin of the above regions.
2. Give the salient features of the climate of Asia. Account for the distribution of rainfall in Asia.
3. Critically analyze the agricultural pattern of South-East Asia.
4. Examine the pattern of India's population growth during the last century. Also account for the regional variation of population density in India.
5. Trace the development of irrigation in India during the plan periods. Also mention the effects of over-irrigation with examples.
6. Examine the soil and forest resources of South-East Asia. Also indicate their role in environmental quality.

Group-B

Answer *any two* questions.

15x2=30

7. Critically discuss the pattern of relief of Russia. Also identify the salient features of her drainage.
8. Discuss in detail the geography of textile industries of Great Britain with problems and prospects.

9. Discuss the drainage of France and Germany. Also identify their roles in the transport and general economy.
10. Identify the major environmental problems Europe is experiencing at present. Describe the measures adopted for their control and mitigation.

Group-C

Answer *any one* question.

16x1=16

11. Divide North America into physiographic units and describe any two of them in detail.
12. Give an account of the iron and steel industry of USA with problems and prospects.
13. Write a reasoned geographical account of the Lake districts with special reference to the St. Lawrence Waterways.