

COMBINED COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (MAIN)

GEOGRAPHY

Paper—II

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 200

- Note :** (1) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(2) Attempt **five** questions in all.
(3) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Answer any ten of the following :

4×10=40

- (a) What are the divisions and their extensions of Himalayas from East to West?
- (b) Write a short note on Rajmahal Hills.
- (c) Distinguish between the rivers of North and South India.
- (d) What is monsoon trough? When and how is it formed?
- (e) What are the characteristics of a region?
- (f) Why are most of the States in North-East India sparsely populated?
- (g) What is hinterland? Write the extension of hinterland of Kolkata Port.
- (h) Write a short note on the International Highways of India.
- (i) Establish a relationship between commercial farming and footloose industries citing examples from India.
- (j) Briefly write the success and failure of the Third Five-Year Plan of India.
- (k) Write a short note on the power resources of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (l) Why does North-East India receive more rainfall than the rest parts of the country?

2. Answer any *eight* of the following :

5×8=40

- (a) Write the composition of trap rocks in India.
- (b) Distinguish between *Terai* and *Bhabar*.
- (c) Divide North-East India into different climatic sub-regions.
- (d) What are the causes of racial diversities in India?
- (e) "Agricultural practices in the peripheral zones of Thar Desert have a great impact on Indian climate." Justify the statement.
- (f) State the reasons of decaying of Hooghly Industrial Belt.
- (g) Classify Indian roadways according to the Nagpur Plan and define each of them.
- (h) Why is collective farming not possible in India?
- (i) Why is North-East India strategically a very important part of India?
- (j) Write the merits and demerits of Jhum cultivation.
- (k) What are the indicators of regional disparity in India?

3. Answer any *five* of the following :

8×5=40

- (a) Discuss the success and failures of Green Revolution in India.
- (b) Write the possibilities and limitations of agro-based industry in North-East India.
- (c) Elaborate the causes of uneven population distribution in India.
- (d) What are the conditions favourable for the growth of jute in India? List the producing areas.
- (e) Discuss the Economic Regionalization Scheme of India as proposed by Bhat and Rao.
- (f) Write a short note on the river systems of Arunachal Pradesh.
- (g) State the growth of aluminum industry in India. Briefly discuss the location of aluminum industries in India.

4. Answer any *four* of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) Write an essay on the Damodar Valley Project. How far is the project sustainable?
- (b) What are the minor forest products? Locate their distribution in India. Write a brief note on the Forest Policy of India.
- (c) Discuss the marine and inland fisheries in India.
- (d) State the extent of regional imbalances in India.
- (e) Give an account of the physiography of North-East India.

5. Answer any *two* of the following :

20×2=40

- (a) Discuss the structure and topography of the Western Himalayas with suitable diagrams.
- (b) Give an outline of the industrial development in India since British period. Write a note on the problems faced by the industries of Indian origin.
- (c) Discuss the ethnic composition of population in North-East India. What is the role of immigration in this diverse ethnic composition?

6. Answer any *four* of the following :

10×4=40

- (a) State the geological formation of the Archaean Group in India. Which parts of North-East India belong to that formation? Which mineral resources are mostly found in that formation?
- (b) Analyze the drawbacks of Indian regional planning. What are the roles of district level planning in India?

- (c) What types of natural hazards are common in North-East India? Discuss the causes of occurrence of such hazards.
- (d) What is the full form of JFM? Discuss the success and failure of JFM in India.
- (e) Divide India into agricultural productivity zones and bring out their characteristics.
7. Explain the mechanism of Indian monsoons. Discuss the nature of changes that occurs in atmospheric circulation during the onset and retreat of monsoon in India. Could global warming alter the monsoon?
15+10+10+5=40
8. Write an impact assessment of the linking of Indian rivers. Why is the proposal debated? Give an overview of the Inter-State Water Dispute in the perspective of National River Linking Programme.
15+10+15=40
9. Give an account of the growth and development of iron and steel industry in India. Discuss the factors of location of important iron and steel industry belts in India. State the problems and prospects of such industry.
10+20+10=40
10. Discuss the processes of transferring resources from Centre to State in India. Write on the recommendations of the Seventh Finance Commission in this regard. Comment on the note of dissent by Raj Krishna on the Seventh Finance Commission. What changes are going to be proposed in the next Finance Commission?
15+10+10+5=40
