

ANANTAM IAS · PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION PAPER

UPSC Civil Services (Main) Geography Optional

Paper II · Geography of India

2016

Time allowed: **Three hours** Maximum marks: **250**

Typeset from the question paper published by the Union Public Service Commission. English text of all 27 printed questions, with marks and section as printed.

Question Paper Specific Instructions

1. There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS.
2. Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.
3. Question Nos. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE question from each Section.
4. The number of marks carried by a question or part is indicated against it.
5. Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission Certificate, which must be stated clearly on the cover of the Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorized one.
6. Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
7. Illustrate your answers with suitable sketches, maps and diagrams wherever considered necessary. These shall be drawn in the space provided for answering the question itself.
8. Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
9. **Question 1(a) is a compulsory map question. Candidates are required to mark the given locations on the outline map of India supplied with the paper and write the significance of each in the QCA Booklet.**

SECTION A

Q1.

- (a) On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of all of the following. Write in your QCA Booklet the significance of these locations, whether physical / commercial / economic / ecological / environmental / cultural, in not more than 30 words for each entry: **20**

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| 1. Pir Panjal Range | 6. Kudankulam |
| 2. River Indravati | 7. Nalanda |
| 3. Nathu La Pass | 8. Kudremukh |
| 4. Jog Falls | 9. Headquarters of N-E Railways |
| 5. Pulicat Lake | 10. Farakka Barrage |

- (b) Explain the shifting of river courses and river capturing in the Himalayas. **10**
- (c) Mention the space relationship of India with neighbouring countries. **10**
- (d) Define agricultural intensity and bring out its regional distribution in India. **10**

Q2.

- (a) Discuss the role of spatial pattern of rainfall and temperature in the delimitation of climatic regions of India especially with reference to Stamp's climatic regionalization. **20**
- (b) Describe the flood-prone areas and their management problems in the Ganga Plains. **15**
- (c) Explain the New Industrial Policies in India. **15**

Q3.

- (a) Identify the important biotic resource regions of India and highlight their problems. 20
- (b) Point out the ethnic disparities in the N-E India. 15
- (c) Give an account of the development of renewable resources of India. 15

Q4.

- (a) Bring out the development of river water transport in India and its role in regional development. 20
- (b) Explain the impact of economic development on environmental degradation in India. 15
- (c) Describe the distribution of black soils in India and their specific use for agriculture. 15

SECTION B

Q5. Answer the following in about 150 words each. **10×5=50**

- (a) Discuss the factors influencing the distribution of sex ratio in India. 10
- (b) “The Bokaro Iron and Steel Plant is an example of Industrial Complex.” Explain. 10
- (c) How do slums develop? Give concrete suggestions for their improvement. 10
- (d) Explain the role of India in the geo-politics of South Asia. 10
- (e) Analyze the pattern of India's trade with the S-E Asian countries. 10

Q6.

- (a) Present a comparative analysis of geographical factors responsible for distribution of human settlements in Rajasthan desert and North-Eastern regions of India. 20
- (b) Explain with suitable examples the role of road transport in agricultural development in India. 15
- (c) Evaluate the impact of technology on resource utilization in India. 15

Q7.

- (a) Analyze the location, distributional pattern and problems of cotton textile industries in India. 20
- (b) Describe the major tribal regions of India and their problems. 15
- (c) Examine the causes of regional disparities in economic development in India. 15

Q8.

- (a) Describe the causes and effects of urbanization in India and explain its impact on rural landscape and urban ecology. 20
- (b) “India has paid heavily for achievement of Green Revolution in the form of economic, social and ecological cost.” Discuss. 15
- (c) Explain the origin, dimension and implications of Sino-Indian border dispute. 15