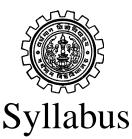
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Section 1: Course Structure and Examination Pattern

Examination Pattern	Туре	Paper	Title of Paper	Marks	Exam Time
Part- I	Theoretical	I	Geotectonics, Geomorphology and Hydrology	100	4 hours
	Practical	II	Cartographic Techniques in Geography	100	6 hours
Part- II	Theoretical	III	Climatology, Soil Geography and Biogeography	100	4 hours
	Practical	IV	Analytical Techniques in Geography	100	6 hours
Part- III	Theoretical	V	Nature of Geography	100	4 hours
		VI	Economic & Social Geography	100	4 hours
		VII	Geography of India	100	4 hours
	Practical	VIII	Applied Geographical Techniques and Field Report	100	6 hours

Section 2: Syllabus with Details of Marks Division

Part-I

PAPER-I

GEOTECTONICS, GEOMORPHOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 4 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 GEOTECTONICS-I

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Origin of the Universe and the Earth: Theories Propounded by P. L. Laplace, Otto Schmidt, G. Kuiper, Stephen Hawking
- 1.2 Geological Timescale and Geological History of the Earth, Methods of Rock Dating
- 1.3 Thermal and Physical State of the Earth's Interior with special reference to Seismological Evidence
- 1.4 Theories of Isostasy: Models of Pratt, Airy, Heiskanen, and Daly

2.0 GEOTECTONICS-II

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Rocks: Origin, Classification, Characteristics and impact on Landforms
- 2.2 Continental Drift: Evidences and Mechanisms
- 2.3 Seafloor Spreading: Evidences and Mechanisms
- 2.4 Orogenesis and Epeirogenesis with reference to Plate Tectonics

3.0 GEOMORPHOLOGY-I

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Processes of Denudation: Weathering, Erosion and Mass Wasting
- 3.2 Cyclic and Non-Cyclic Concepts of Landscape Evolution (Davis, Penck and Hack)
- 3.3 Landform Evolution in Uniclinal and Folded Structures
- 3.4 Landform Development in Faulted and Volcanic Structures

4.0 GEOMORPHOLOGY-II

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Fluvial Processes and Landforms
- 4.2 Aeolian Processes and Landforms
- 4.3 Coastal Processes and Landforms, Classification of Coasts and Shorelines (after Johnson and Shepard)
- 4.4 Glacial Processes and Landforms

5.0 GLOBAL HYDROLOGY

[20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Components and Distribution of Hydrosphere, Significance of Global Hydrological Cycle
- 5.2 Runoff, Infiltration, Evaporation and Transpiration
- 5.3 Ground Water Storage and Circulation: Aguifer Recharge and Dischrage
- 5.4 Tides: Types, Characteristics and Theories of Origin (Progressive Wave Theory and Stationary Wave Theory)

PAPER-II (PRACTICAL)

CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 6 hours

Number of periods to be assigned for each unit 20 (for unit 1, 2, 3) and 30 (unit 4)

1.0 SCALES AND CARTOGRAMS

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Geographical Scales: Linear (including comparative), Vernier, Diagonal
- 1.2 Proportional Diagrams: Circles, Pies and Squares
- 1.3 Ternary Diagram
- 1.4 Taylor's Climograph, Hythergraph, Wind Rose and Ergograp

2.0 DIAGRAMS AND MAPPING TECHNIQUES

[20 MAR

- 2.1 Maps showing Population Density by Choropleth and Distribution by Dots and Spheres
- 2.2 Population Growth Rates: Annual and Decadal (Line graph and Choropleth), Age-sex Pyramid and Dependency Ratio
- 2.3 Cropping Intensity Maps (on the basis of Net-Sown and Gross-Sown Area)
- 2.4 Flow-chart based on Transport and Migration

3.0 MAP PROJECTION [20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Base of Classification and Suitability of Projections
- 3.2 Cylindrical Equal-Area Projection
- 3.3 Conical Group of Projections: Simple Conic (one standard Parallel) and Bonne's and Polyconic
- 3.4 Gnomonic, Stereographic, Orthographic Projections (Polar Case)

4.0 SURVEYING AND MAPPING

[30 MARKS]

- 4.1 Preparation of Land Use Map of a Small Area by Plane Table Survey (Radiation and Intersection Methods)
- 4.2 Preparation of Land Use Map of a Small Area by Prismatic Compass Survey (Traversing and Intersection Methods)
- 4.3 Preparation of Contour Map of a Small Area by Prismatic Compass and Levelling Instruments
- 4.4 Determination of Height (with Accessible and Inaccessible Bases) by Theodolite

5.0 PRACTICAL NOTEBOOK AND VIVA-VOCE

[6+4 MARKS]

Part-II

PAPER-III

CLIMATOLOGY, SOIL GEOGRAPHY AND BIOGEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 4 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 CLIMATOLOGY-I

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Insolation and Heat Budget, Horizontal and Vertical Distribution of Temperature with particular reference to Normal Distribution and Types of Inversion
- 1.2 Forms and Processes of Condensation, Mechanism of Precipitation, Distribution of Rainfall
- 1.3 Planetary Wind System with Special reference to Tri-Cellular Model,
- 1.4 Genesis of Monsoon with particular reference to Jet Stream

2.0 CLIMATOLOGY-II

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1. Origin and Classification of Air Mass, Frontogenesis and Frontolysis
- 2.2 Origin and Characteristics of Tropical and Temperate Cyclones
- 2.3 Classification of World Climate: Schemes of Köppen and Thornthwaite (1948)
- 2.4 Climatic Change, Evidences and Causes

3.0 SOIL GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Soil: Definition, Factors of Formation and Development of Soil Profiles
- 3.2 Physical and Chemical Properties of Soil with special reference to Texture, Structure, Organic Carbon and pH
- 3.3 Concept of Zonal, Azonal and Intrazonal Soil, Formation and Profile Characteristics of Podsol, Laterite and Chernozem
- 3.4 Soil Erosion and Conservation

4.0 BIOGEOGRAPHY-I

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Definitions of Biosphere and Biogeography, Meaning of Ecology, Ecosystem, Environment, Ecotone, Communities, Habitats, Niche, Biotopes and Biomes
- 4.2 Biosphere and Energy: Energy Sources, Laws of Energy Exchange, Food Chains and Flow of Energy
- 4.3 Factors of Plant Ecology: Light, Heat, Moisture, Wind and Topography
- 4.4 Biomes: Tropical Rainforest and Temperate Grassland

5.0 BIOGEOGRAPHY-II

[20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Impact of Climate and Soil on Distribution of Flora and Fauna
- 5.2 Bio-Climatic Regions in India and their Characteristics
- 5.3 Wildlife Conservation in India: Projects and their Importance with Special Reference to Tiger and Crocodile
- 5.4 Biodiversity and its Importance with reference to Sundarbans

PAPER IV (PRACTICAL)

ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 6 hours

Number of periods to be assigned for each Units 20 (for unit 1, 2, 3) and 30 (unit 4)

1.0 DATA COLLECTION AND REPRESENTATION

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Geographical Data Management: Collection (Sampling Techniques- Significance and Types), Classification, Tabulation, Interpretation and Analysis of Geographical Data
- 1.2 Frequency Distribution: Attribute and Variable, Discrete and Continuous, Graphical Representation of Frequency Distribution (Histogram, Frequency Polygon, Curve and Ogives)
- 1.3 Measures of Central Tendencies: Mean, Median and Mode; Skewness
- 1.4 Measures of Dispersion: Range, Quartile Deviation, Mean Deviation and Standard Deviation

2.0 DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Scatter Diagram, Simple Correlation and Regression
- 2.2 Time Series Analysis: Actual Trend, Semi Average, Moving Average, Linear Trend by Least Square Method
- 2.3 Standard Error of Estimate and Standard Scores
- 2.4 Absolute Residual Mapping

3.0 Data Recording, area measurement and Specimen Identification [20 marks]

- 3.1 Reading, Recording and Analysis of Data Obtained from Barometer, Hygrometer and Maximum-Minimum Thermometer
- 3.2 Determination of Soil Texture by Feel Method; Soil pH and Organic Carbon by Soil Kit
- 3.3 Measurement of Area by Graphical Method and Planimeter
- 3.4 Identification of Common Minerals and Rocks with their Characteristics: Quartz, Feldspar, Mica, Haematite, Magnetite, Chalcopyrite, Galena, Calcite, Gypsum, Bauxite, Granite, Basalt, Dolerite, Pegmatite, Conglomerate, Sandstone, Shale, Limestone, Gneiss, Schist, Phyllite, Quartzite and Marble.

4.0 MORPHOMETRIC ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS: PLATEAU AND PLAIN REGIONS [30 MARKS]

- 4.1 Construction of Profiles: Superimposed, Projected and Composite
- 4.2 Stream Frequency and Drainage Density
- 4.3 Average Slope (Wentworth's method)
- 4.4 Interpretation of Relief, Drainage and Vegetation Characteristics
- 4.5 Interpretation of Settlement, Transport and Communication Systems
- 4.6 Relationship between Physical and Cultural Elements

5.0 PRACTICAL NOTEBOOK AND VIVA-VOCE

[6 + 4 MARKS]

Part-III

PAPER - V

NATURE OF GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 4 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Definition, Scope and Content of Geography
- 1.2 Development of Geography in the Ancient and Mediaeval Periods (up to 19th Century)
- 1.3 Development of Modern Scientific Geography in the 19th Century with particular reference to the Contributions of Humboldt and Ritter
- 1.4 Development of Geography in the 20th Century (upto 1970)

2.0 DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IN MODERN GEOGRAPHY [20 MARKS]

- 2.1 German School
- 2.2 French School
- 2.3 American School
- 2.4 Indian School

3.0 CONCEPTS AND TRENDS IN GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Concepts of Determinism, Possibilism and Neo-Determinism
- 3.2 Concepts of Empiricism and Positivism
- 3.3 Approaches to Geographic Studies: Systematic vs Regional and Ecological
- 3.4 Critique of Quantitative Revolution in Geography

4.0 APPROACHES TO REGIONAL STUDIES

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Concepts and Types of Region
- 4.2 Bases and Methods of Regionalisation
- 4.3 Scale and Hierarchy of Region
- 4.4 Region and Regionalism

5.0 Environment And Development

[20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Relationship among Population Growth, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation
- 5.2 Environmental Issues Related to Urban and Industrial Expansion
- 5.3 Environmental issues of Large Dams
- 5.4 Sustainable Development

PAPER - VI

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 4 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 RESOURCE [20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Resource: Concept and Classification, Economic and Environmental Approaches of Resource Utilisation
- 1.2 Different sources of Energy Resources, their Relative Importance, Production and Consumption
- 1.3 Problems of Resource Depletion Global Scenario (Forest, Water, Fossil Fuels),
- 1.4 Necessity and Methods of Resource Conservation; Expanding Oceanic Resource Horizon.

2.0 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Agricultural Systems: Plantation Agriculture and Mixed Farming
- 2.2 Models of Economic Activities: Von-Thunen, Weber, Losch
- 2.3 Industrial Regions: Great Lakes, Mumbai-Pune, Asansol-Durgapur
- 2.4 International Trade with Special Reference to WTO, EEC and SAARC

3.0 SOCIETY AND CULTURE

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Nature and Content of Social Geography, Evolution of Social Geography
- 3.2 Races and Ethnicity: Major Racial Groups of the World
- 3.3 Concept of Culture and Its Components; Innovation, Diffusion and Convergence of Culture
- 3.4 Cultural Realms of the World and their Characteristics

4.0 SETTLEMENT [20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Concept of Rural and Urban Settlement, Problems of Definition and Classification of Urban Settlement
- 4.2 Types and Patterns of Rural Settlement
- 4.3 Theories of Urban Structure Propounded by E.W. Burgess, Harris Ullman and Homer Hoyt
- 4.4 Functional Hierarchy of Urban Settlement with Special Reference to Christaller's Central Place Theory

5.0 POPULATION [20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Determinants and Dynamics of Population Growth
- 5.2 Growth of World Population; Demographic Transition Model
- 5.3 Migration: Types and Impact on Place of Origin and Destination
- 5.4 Population Policy: India and China

PAPER - VII

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 4 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 INDIA: PHYSICAL ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Geology and Structure with Special Reference to Himalayan Structure and Evolution of the Peninsular India
- 1.2 Drainage Systems: Evolution and Characteristics of Peninsular and Extra-Peninsular Rivers
- 1.3 Climatic Characteristics: Seasonality, Unevenness and Unreliability of Rainfall, Drought and Floods
- 1.4 Classification and Characteristics of Soils, Causes and Consequences of Deforestation

2.0 ECONOMIC ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Agricultural Policy and Development since Independence
- 2.2 Agro-Climatic Regions in India and Impact of Green Revolution
- 2.3 Industrial Policy and Development since Independence
- 2.4 Recent Trends of Industrialization with Special Reference to SEZs

3.0 SOCIO - CULTURAL ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Population Growth and Human Development since Independence
- 3.2 Languages Groups: Characteristics and Spatial Distribution
- 3.3 Caste and Social Morphology in Rural India
- 3.4 Characteristics and Recent Trends of Urbanisation

4.0 WEST BENGAL

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Physiographic Region of West Bengal
- 4.2 Problems of Flood and Drought and their Management
- 4.3 Regional Problems of Darjeeling Hill Region and Sundarbans
- 4.4 Population Growth and Human Development

5.0 REGIONAL ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Bases and Schemes of Regionalization of India into Geographical Regions
- 5.2 Chotoanagpur Plateau
- 5.3 West Bengal Delta
- 5.4 Malabar Coast

PAPER-VIII (PRACTICAL)

APPLIED GEOGRAPHICAL TECHNIQUES AND FIELD REPORT

Full Marks: 100 Examination Time: 6 hours

Number of periods to be assigned for each of the Units: 20 (for Units 1, 2 and 4) & 30 (for Unit 3)

1.0 ANALYSIS OF GEOLOGICAL MAPS

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Construction of Geological Section of Horizontal, Uniclinal, Folded and Faulted Structures Along with Igneous Intrusions and Line of Unconformity
- 1.2 Succession and Relation with Rock Groups
- 1.3 Topography and its Relation with Underlying Structures
- 1.4 Interpretation of Geological History

2.0 ANALYSIS OF CLIMATIC DATA AND MAPS

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Rainfall Dispersion Diagram
- 2.2 Construction of Station Model (Indian Context)
- 2.3 Preparation of Synoptic Chart and Interpretation (Indian Context)
- 2.4 Interpretation of Daily Weather Maps Prepared by Indian Meteorological Department

3.0 COMPUTER APPLICATION, REMOTE SENSING AND GIS [30 MARKS]

- 3.1 Data Entry: Arrangement into Ascending and Descending Order; Cartograms Using Excel: Bar, Pie, Line Graph and Doughnut Chart
- 3.2 Calculation of Central Tendency and Standard Deviation Using Fomula
- 3.3 Bivariate Techniques: Scatter Diagram and Fitting of Trend Lines
- 3.4 Basic Concepts of Remote Sensing, GIS and GPS
- 3.5 Location of a Place Using GPS; Georeferencing of Scanned Maps and Images (Using Software)
- 3.6 Principles of Preparing and Interpretation of Standard FCC of Images; Digital Classification and Extraction of Physiographic and Cultural Features (Using Software)

4.0 FIELD REPORT ON EITHER A RURAL MOUZA OR AT LEAST ONE WARD OF AN URBAN AREA TO BE CONDUCTED DURING FIELD EXCURSION

[HAND WRITTEN REPORT: 10 MARKS, VIVA-VOCE: 5 MARKS, QUESTION-ANSWER (WRITTEN): 5, TOTAL 20 MARKS]

4.1.1 Guidelines for field report on rural mouza

The following methods are to be followed before the preparation of field report:

- (a) Plot-to-Plot Land Use Survey
- (b) Collection of Socio-Economic and Physical Data
- (c) Classification and Tabulation of Data
- (d) Preparation of Land Use Map on Cadastral Plan
- (e) Preparation of Maps and Diagrams showing Physiography, Drainage, Soil, Forest, Settlement, Irrigation, Cropping Pattern, Demographic Characteristics *etc*.
- (f) Interrrelation and Analysis of Data, Maps and Diagrams
- The Report is to be Prepared under the following sections:
- (a) Introduction: Objective, Extent and Space Relations, Sources of Information, Methodology *etc*.
- (b) Physical Components: Lithology, Drainage, Surface Condition, Slope, Climate, Soil Vegetation, *etc*.
- (c) Population: Number, FMR, Literacy, Occupational Structure, Ethnic and Religious Composition, Language, Mobility, Media Exposure, Per Capita Income *etc*.

- (d) Settlement: Number of Houses, Building Materials, Number and Size of Rooms, Amenities etc.
- (e) Agriculture: Soil Properties, Irrigational Facilities, General Land Use, Cropping Intensity, Crop-Combination, Use of Fertilisers, Production and Marketing *etc*.
- (f) Other Economic Activities: Fishing, Horticulture, Brick-Kiln Industries
- (g) Problems, Prospects, Suggestions and Conclusion
- (h) Bibliography

4.1.2 Guidelines for Field Report on Urban Area (At least One Ward)

The following methods are to be followed before the preparation of Field Report:

- (a) Plot-to-Plot Land Use Survey
- (b) Collection of Socio-Economic Data
- (c) Classification and Tabulation of Data
- (d) Preparation of Urban Land Use Map
- (e) Preparation of Maps and Diagrams showing Urban Morphology, Drainage and Sewage Networks, Communication Networks, Traffic Flow and Travel-Time, Demographic Characteristics, Cultural and Economic Zonation *etc*.
- (f) Interrelation and Analysis of Data, Maps and Diagrams
- The Report is to be Prepared under the Following Sections:
- (a) Introduction: Objective, Extent and Space Relations, Sources of Information, Methodology *etc*.
- (b) Physical Components: Surface Conditions, Slope, Drainage, Climate, etc.
- (c) Demography: Spatial Analyses of Population Density, FMR, Literacy, Occupational Structure, Ethnic and Religious Composition, Language, Mobility, Media Exposure, *etc*.
- (d) Town Morphology: Activity Zones, Sectors of Land Use, Linkages between different Zones and Sectors
- (e) Economy: Economic Individuality of the Town, Production and Marketing Patterns, Spatial differences in Occupation and Per Capita Income Characteristics *etc*.
- (f) Urban Waste and its Management: Types of Wastes Generated, Network of Drains, Efficiency of Waste Removal and Sewage Treatment, Peoples' Perception of Pollution Problem
- (g) Bibliography
- 4.2 Field Report is to be **Hand-Written**
- 4.3 Text of the Report should not Exceed 4,000 words
- 4.4 Maps and Diagrams Excluding Photo-Plates should not Exceed 20

5.0 LABORATORY NOTEBOOK AND VIVA-VOCE

[6+4 MARKS]

N.B.: Pattern of setting question papers along with distribution of marks has been incorporated in the section-IV of this syllabus.

N.B. <u>FOR PRACTICAL EXERCISES OF UNIT 3.0,OF PAPER VIII, THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN TERMS OF SETS OF COMPUTER (1 FOR 3 STUDENTS) AND ADEQUATE SOFTWARE (UNIFORM IN ALL COLLEGES).</u>

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Section 4: Question Pattern

HONOURS COURSE

Theoretical Papers (Paper I, Paper III, Paper V, Paper VI, Paper VII): Full Marks: 100

Pattern of setting questions: In **SECTION A** which carries 16 marks, altogether 15 questions (**Short Answer Type**) each of 2 marks from 5 Units, having three questions from each Unit are to be set. 8 questions are to be answered, selecting at least one from each Unit. In **SECTION B** which carries 36 marks, question number 1 (**Short Type**) with an optional question shall be compulsory of 6 marks. 10 other questions (**Short Type**), each of 6 marks from 5 Units, having 2 questions from each Unit are to be set. Question number 1 and 5 other questions, selecting one from each Unit are to be answered. 6 marks shall have a break-up of either 4+2 or 4+1+1 or 5+1. In **SECTION C** which carries 48 marks, altogether 10 questions (**Broad Type**), each of 12 marks from 5 Units, having two questions from each Unit are to be set. 4 questions are to be answered; selecting one from four of the five Units. 12 marks shall have a break-up of 10+2.

Practical Paper (Paper II, Paper IV):

Pattern of setting questions: • Units 1.0—4.0: Four compulsory questions are to be set from each Unit; each Question is to have at least two parts. • Unit 5: Evaluation of Practical Notebook: 6 marks. Viva-voce: 4 marks.

Practical Paper (Paper VIII):

Pattern of setting questions: • Units 1.0—3.0: Three compulsory questions are to be set from each Unit; each Question is to have at least two parts. • Unit 4: Evaluation of hand written report: 10 marks. Viva-voce: 5 marks, at least one question related to field report: 5 marks, • Unit 5: Evaluation of Practical Notebook: 6 marks. Viva-voce: 4 marks.

Full Marks: 100

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