

2017

GEOGRAPHY

( Major )

Paper : 5.2

( Regional Geography of India  
and SAARC Nations )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×7=7

- (a) Write the total number of the States and the total number of the Union Territories in India.
- (b) Name the Indian State which is the largest producer of jute in the country.
- (c) Which is the second largest State in India in terms of area?
- (d) Name the city having the highest population among the metropolitan cities in India.

- (e) Where is the factory of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited located?
- (f) Which is the longest east-flowing river in South India?
- (g) Which country has the lowest literacy rate among the SAARC nations?

2. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Mention the significant characteristics of agriculture practised in the Ganga-Jamuna-Brahmaputra plain.
- (b) Why is the production of cotton high in the Deccan plateau?
- (c) What is 'loo'? Mention the areas of its origin.
- (d) Name the member countries of the SAARC.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions :  $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Discuss the growth and distribution of cotton textile industry in India.
- (b) Highlight the salient features of the natural vegetation in India.

- (c) Discuss the pattern of population density in the Indus-Ganga plains. Divide the Indo-Ganga plains into some population density belts.

- (d) Critically discuss the role of the industrial policy adopted in India in the industrial development of the country after Independence.

- (e) "Agriculture plays the vital role in India's economy." Explain the statement.

4. Answer any *three* of the following questions :  $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) "The physical setting has its impact on agriculture, industry, and development of a country." Elucidate the statement in the context of India. 10
- (b) "India is a land of unity in diversity." Illustrate the statement in the context of the physical and the cultural environment of the country. 10
- (c) Examine the role of Indian railway network in the economic development of India. 10

(d) Discuss in detail the main soil types of India with a mention of how each of the soil types is related to cropping pattern in the country. 8+2=10

(e) Present a critical discussion on the status of cooperation and conflict among the SAARC nations and suggest some ideas that may increase the level of cooperation among them. 8+2=10

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