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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) What is the total population of India according to the Census of 2011?
- (b) Which State has the highest percentage of forest cover in India?
- (c) What is the total geographical area of India?
- (d) Which is the most important fibre crop of India and what soil is suitable for its growth?
- (e) During winter which part of India receives rainfall?

- (f) Which SAARC country's Constitution specifies that at least 60% of the total land area shall be maintained under forest cover for all time to come?
- (g) The first railway on Indian sub-continent ran over a stretch of 21 miles from Bombay to Thane. In which year did this historic event take place?

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

- (a) How and why does North-East India stand to gain from the Act East Policy?
- (b) What advantages do air transport have over other modes of transport? Provide examples from India.
- (c) Explain the concept of India's unity in diversity.
- (d) What factors govern population density in North-East India?

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

- (a) Discuss the distribution and production pattern of the iron and steel industry or the cotton textile industry in India.
- (b) "Railways are the backbone of India's economy." Discuss this statement.

- (c) Is India's population distribution even? What factors underlie such a distribution pattern?
- (d) What factors inhibit the modernization of agriculture in India?
- (e) Discuss the main features of the climate of India.

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

- (a) Population distribution and agricultural activities are largely influenced by physiography, soil and climate. Illustrate with examples.
- (b) Divide India into agro-climatic regions and discuss the main features of any one agro-climatic region.
- (c) Is economic cooperation and trade possible among the SAARC countries? What are the constraints of such cooperation?
- (d) Does the distribution of roads and railways in India reflect the spatial pattern of development of the Indian economy?

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