

2019

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 : $1 \times 7 = 7$

(a) Which State of India has the highest density of population?

(b) Name the iron and steel plant located in Chhattisgarh.

(c) How much percentage of population in India engaged in agricultural sector?

(d) Which country has the lowest literacy rate among the SAARC nations?

(2)

- (e) In which State of India the consumption of fertilizer per hectare is highest?
- (f) Which is the longest east-flowing river in South India?
- (g) Write one main reason for the development of Gurgaon-Delhi-Meerut industrial region.

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

- (a) Does India's location have any significance?
- (b) What two features mark Indian agriculture?
- (c) Mention two important characteristics of the soils of the Ganga Plain.
- (d) Why the production of cotton is high in the Deccan plateau?

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

- (a) "India is a case of unity in diversity."
List out a few points in support of this observation.

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- (b) Discuss the salient features of the Himalayas as a physiographic division of India.
- (c) Explain three main factors responsible for dispersal of cotton textile industries in India.
- (d) Discuss the role of India in maintaining peace and harmony among the SAARC nations.
4. (a) Give an outline of the distribution of natural vegetation in India with particular reference to the desert vegetation. 10
- Or*
- (b) Discuss the influence of physiography on population distribution in India. 10
5. (a) What are the major problems associated with Indian agriculture? Compare the problems between hill areas and low-land areas. 6+4=10
- Or*
- (b) Give a critical analysis on the growth of population in India. How population growth hinders the process of economic development in India? 6+4=10

(4)

6. (a) Provide a geographical assessment of any SAARC country other than India with respect to location, conflict, cooperation and trade. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss the distribution and production patterns of iron and steel industry in India. 10
