



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A./B.Sc. Honours Part-III Examination, 2020

**GEOGRAPHY**  
**PAPER-GEOA-VI**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

**GROUP-A**  
**(Philosophy of Geography)**  
**(Marks: 20)**

**CATEGORY-A**

**Answer any *one* question from the following within 600 words each** 10×1 = 10

1. Elucidate the basic tenets of possibilism as propounded by Blache. Distinguish between possibilism and probabilism. 8+2
2. Discuss the philosophy of 'structuralism' with special reference to its impact on changing characters of Geography. Distinguish between structuralism and post-structuralism. 8+2
3. Explain the significance of behavioural approach in modern Geography. Discuss the major paradigm shifts of geographical thoughts after Richard Hartshorne. 4+6
4. Discuss the concept of cultural landscape after Carl Sauer. What is Relative Space? Explain with suitable examples. 7+3

**CATEGORY-B**

**Answer any *two* questions from the following within 150 words each** 5×2 = 10

5. Discuss the importance of time in Geography.
6. Discuss the contribution of Quantitative Revolution in Geography.
7. Elaborate upon the Welfare approach in Geographical thought.
8. Mention the recent technological applications in Geographical studies.
9. Justify the relevance of regional differentiation in modern Geographical studies.
10. State the salient features of stop-and-go determinism.
11. Elucidate the concept of 'pays' after Vidal-de-La-Blache.

**GROUP-B**  
**(Contemporary Issues in Geography)**  
**Answer either Section-I OR Section-II**  
**(Marks: 30)**

**SECTION-I**  
**CATEGORY-A**

**Answer any *one* question from the following within 600 words** 10×1=10

12. Define 'Biodiversity hotspot'. Discuss the causes and consequences of biodiversity losses with special reference to India. 2+8

13. What are edaphic hazards? Explain the causes of one edaphic hazard in Indian context. 2+5+3  
Discuss the management techniques of landslides.

**CATEGORY-B**

**Answer any four questions from the following within 150 words each** 5×4 = 20

14. Explain meteorological drought.
15. Distinguish between disaster prevention and disaster mitigation.
16. What are the causes of river bank collapse?
17. Discuss the mechanism of cyclone disaster management in India.
18. State the consequences of deforestation.
19. What are the major factors of coastal erosion in Digha-Kanthi coastal plain? What is a 'bioshield' in respect of cyclone mitigation?

**SECTION-II**

**CATEGORY-A**

**Answer any one question from the following within 600 words** 10×1=10

20. Distinguish between 'Relative Poverty' and 'Absolute Poverty'. Trace out the root causes of poverty in the Third World. 4+6
21. Explain the prevalence of malnutrition and measures to tackle this problem in the Third World. Relate the problem of population explosion to sustainable development in the Third World.

**CATEGORY-B**

**Answer any four questions from the following within 150 words each** 5×4 = 20

22. Enlist the Sustainable Development goals.
23. Distinguish between 'Economic Development' and Human Development.
24. Comment on the nature of 'Seasonal Unemployment' in Monsoon Asia.
25. State the salient features of 'Third World' economy.
26. How does food security problem affect 'child labour'?
27. Describe the indicators of Gender development.
28. What are the social problems associated with urbanization in the Third World countries?

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