CBSE Class 12 Geography 2023 - Set 64/3/2

Question Paper

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Time Allowed: 3 Hours **Maximum Marks: 70**

General Instructions

(i) This questions paper contains 30 questions. All questions are compulsory.

(ii) This question paper is divided into five sections Sections A, B, C, D and E.

(iii) Section A Questions no. 1 to 17 are multiple choice (MCQ) type questions.

(iv) Section B Questions no. 18 and 19 are source based questions.

(v) Section C Questions no. 20 to 23 are Short Answer (SA) type questions. Answer to these questions shall be written in 80 to 100 words.

(vi) Section D Questions no. 24 to 28 are Long Answer (LA) type questions. Answer to these questions shall be written in 120 to 150 words.

(vii) Section E Questions no. 29 and 30 are Map based questions.

Section A

1. Which of the following industries produce raw material for other industries ?

(A) Small scale industries
(B) Basic or key industries
(C) Household industries
(D) Joint sector industries

2. Which of the following is ***not*** the feature of small scale industries ?

(A) They use simple power driven machines.
(B) They rely on semi-skilled labour.
(C) They obtain raw materials locally.
(D) Their products are sold in international markets.

3. Which one of the following features is correct about cottage industries ?

(A) It is a large manufacturing unit.
(B) Raw material is imported from outside markets.
(C) Goods produced by them have low commercial significance.
(D) Finished products are sold in the open market.

4. Transport activities come under which one of the following sectors ?

(A) Primary
(B) Secondary
(C) Tertiary
(D) Quarternary

5. Which of the following is a tertiary activity ?

(A) Gathering
(B) Hunting
(C) Nomadic herding
(D) Trading

6. Which of the following is a quarternary activity ?

(A) Catching fish
(B) Iron smelting
(C) Software developing
(D) Basket making

7. Which of the following is ***not*** the cause of land pollution ?

(A) Disposal of untreated industrial waste
(B) Use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers
(C) Improper human activities
(D) Organic farming

8. Which one of the following rivers is highly polluted ?

(A) Kosi
(B) Ravi
(C) Narmada
(D) Yamuna

9. India's foreign trade is largely carried out by which of the following routes ?

(A) Land and air routes
(B) Land and sea routes
(C) Air and sea routes
(D) Only sea routes

10. Why has Kolkata port minimised its significance ?

(A) It has a vast hinterland
(B) Accumulation of silt in Hugli river
(C) Diversion of exports to other ports
(D) Passenger traffic is very low

11. Which of the following seaports is located on Mahanadi delta ?

(A) Haldia
(B) Ennore
(C) Paradwip
(D) Vishakhapatnam

12. Which among the following is the westernmost station of East-West corridor ?

(A) Kolkata
(B) Guwahati
(C) Porbandar
(D) Mumbai

13. Which of the following features is ***not*** true regarding NHAI ?

(A) It is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Surface Transport.
(B) It is responsible for constructing and maintaining National Highways.
(C) It also constructs village link roads.
(D) NHAI was operationalized in 1995.

14. Which one of the following is a major polluting industry ?

(A) Food processing industry
(B) Cottage industry
(C) Chemical industry
(D) Foot loose industry

15. *Read the case study given below and answer the questions from* ***15*** *to* ***17****.*

Case Study : Indira Gandhi Canal (Nahar) Command Area

15. (continued)

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Irrigation in Stage-I command area of the canal was introduced in early 1960s, whereas the command area of Stage-II began receiving irrigation in mid-1980s. The introduction of canal irrigation in this dry land has transformed its ecology, economy and society. It has influenced the environmental conditions of the region both positively as well as negatively. The availability of soil moisture for a longer period of time and various afforestation and pasture development programmes under CAD have resulted in greening the land. This has also helped in reducing wind erosion and siltation of canal systems. But the intensive irrigation and excessive use of water has led to the emergence of twin environmental problems of waterlogging and soil salinity.

What was the main objective to construct of Indira Gandhi Canal ?

(A) Proving water for irrigation in the command area
(B) Providing water for drinking purpose
(C) Providing water for afforestation
(D) Providing water for industries

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What is the major benefit of this Canal in the command area ?

(A) Transformation of ecology and economy

(B) Environmental conditions slightly changed

(C) People had not settled permanently

(D) Crop production is still at lower level

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What is the negative impact of this Canal ?

(A) Soils become fertile

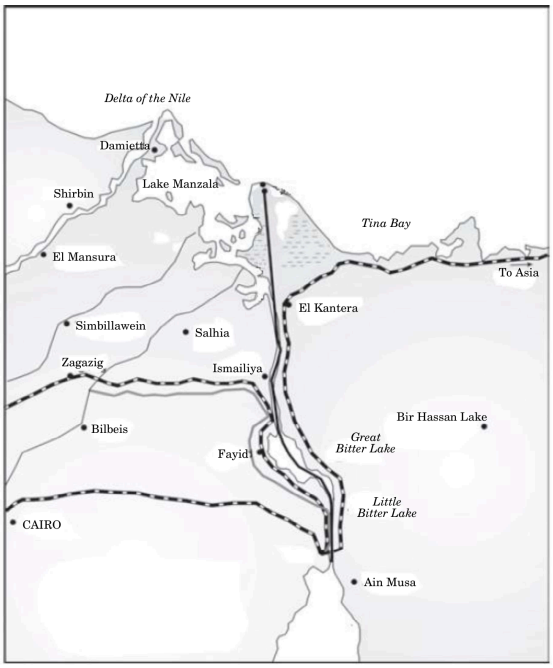
(B) Water logging and salinity

(C) Multiple cropping system

(D) Command area becomes green

Section B

18. Study the picture given below and answer the questions that follow :



18.1. Identify the shipping canal in the given picture and write its name.

18.2. Name the terminal ports of this waterway.

18.3. Explain the main characteristic of this waterway.

18-VI. For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question:

Explain any three characteristics of the 'Northern Atlantic Sea Route'.

19. Read the case study given below and answer the questions that follow :

Case Study : A Role Model to Restore the Ecology and Safeguard Human Health in Daurala

Based on the universal law "Polluter pays", effort to restore the ecology and safeguard the human health with people's participation has taken place in Daurala near Meerut. These efforts are now bearing fruits after a span of three years when a Meerut based NGO had developed a model for ecological restoration. The meeting of the Daurala industries officials, NGOs, Government officials and other stakeholders at Meerut has brought out results. The powerful logics, authentic studies and the pressure of people have brought a new lease of life to the twelve thousand residents of this village. It was in the year 2003 that the pitiable condition of Dauralaites drew the attention of the civil society. The groundwater of this village was contaminated with heavy metals. The reason was that the untreated wastewater of Daurala industries was leaching to the groundwater table. The NGOs conducted a door-to-door survey of the health status of the residents and came out with a report. The organisation, the village community and people's representatives sat together to find out sustainable solutions to the health problem. The industrialists showed a keen interest towards checking the deteriorating ecology. The overhead water tank's capacity in the village was enhanced and a 900 m extra pipeline was laid to supply potable water to the community. The silted pond of the village was cleaned and recharged by desilting it. Large quantity of silt was removed paving way to large quantity of water so that it recharged the aquifers, Rainwater harvesting structures have been constructed at different places which has helped in diluting the contaminants of the groundwater after the monsoon. 1000 trees have also been planted which have improved the environment.

19.1. What is meant by water pollution ?

19.2. Explain the role of industrialists in checking the deteriorating ecology.

19.3. Analyse the contribution of the NGO in Daurala's problem.

Section C

20. "Nature and humans are inseparable in all geographical studies." Examine the statement.

21(a). "The cities are connected, directly or indirectly, with villages and also with each other." Examine the statement.

OR

21(b). Examine any three causes for the development of compact rural settlements in India.

22(a). Explain the concept of 'human development' introduced by Dr. Mahbub-ul-Haq.

OR

22(b). Explain the welfare approach of human development.

23. Explain the major aspects of India's 'National Water Policy, 2002'.

Section D

24. Examine the geographical factors that influence distribution of population in the world.

25. Explain the various factors affecting density of population in India.

26(a). Describe the development of railways in Europe and Russia.

OR

26(b). Describe the benefits of water transport over railways.

27. Explain the important aspects of population growth with special reference to the growth of adolescents and National Youth Policy, 2014 of India.

28(a). Explain any five features of 'plantation agriculture' in the world.

OR

28(b). Explain any five features of 'market gardening and horticulture' in the world.

Section E

29. On the given political outline map of the **World**, seven geographical features have been marked as A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Identify any ***five*** with the help of the following information and write their correct names on the lines drawn near them :

A. A major airport in Australia

B. Largest country in terms of area in Europe

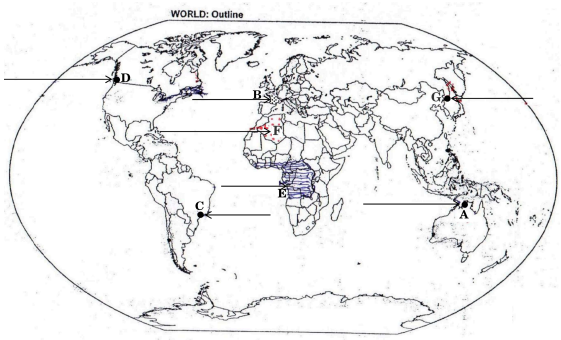
C. A major seaport in South America

D. A terminal station of Trans-Canadian Railway

E. A major area of subsistence gathering

F. Largest country in terms of area in Africa

G. Terminal station of Trans-Siberian Railway



29-VI. For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question:

Answer any five questions out of the following :

(29.1) Name any international airport of Australia.

(29.2) Name the important waterway that links the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean.

(29.3) Name the major seaport of Chile.

(29.4) Name the terminal station of Trans-Canadian railway on the western end.

(29.5) Mention the major area of subsistence gathering in Africa.

(29.6) Name the largest country in Africa in terms of area.

(29.7) Name the easternmost terminal station of Trans-Siberian Railway.

30. On the given political outline map of **India**, locate and label any ***five*** of the following seven geographical features with appropriate symbols :

(30.1) A state with highest level of urbanization

(30.2) A city with more than 10 million population in Maharashtra

(30.3) A state leading in the production of tea

(30.4) Mayurbhanj – iron-ore mines

(30.5) Balaghat – manganese mines

(30.6) Kochi – seaport

(30.7) Ahmedabad – Airport



30-VI. For visually impaired candidates only, in lieu of the corresponding visual question:

Answer any five questions out of the following :

(30.1) Mention the state having highest level of urbanization.

(30.2) Name the city of West Bengal having more than 10 million population.

(30.3) Which state leads in the production of tea ?

(30.4) In which state are Mayurbhanj iron-ore mines located ?

(30.5) Name the state where Shimoga manganese mines are located.

(30.6) Along which coast is Kochi seaport located ?

(30.7) Name one international airport located in Gujarat.

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