CBSE Class 12 Geography 2026 - Set 64/5/1

Question Paper

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

General Instructions

(i) This question paper contains 30 questions.

(ii) All questions are compulsory. Where an internal choice is given, attempt only one alternative.

(iii) Section A: Questions 1–17 are multiple-choice questions carrying 1 mark each.

(iv) Section B: Questions 18–19 are source-based and carry 3 marks each.

(v) Section C: Questions 20–23 carry 3 marks each; answer in 80–100 words.

(vi) Section D: Questions 24–28 carry 5 marks each; answer in 120–150 words.

(vii) Section E: Questions 29–30 are map-based and carry 5 marks each.

(viii) Separate questions are provided for visually impaired candidates in lieu of questions involving visual inputs or maps. These alternatives are to be attempted by visually impaired candidates only.

Section A

1. Why do some countries keep on maintaining a high level of 'human development' ? Choose the most appropriate option :

(A) Such countries invest more in social sector.

(B) Such countries are generally rich in political stability.

(C) Such countries invest more in economic sector.

(D) Such countries are generally rich in cultural stability.

2. Match Column I with Column II correctly and choose the appropriate option :

Column I (Level of Human Development)	Column II (Country)
a. Very High	i. Bulgaria
b. High	ii. Nigeria
c. Medium	iii. Switzerland
d. Low	iv. Venezuela

(A) a-ii, b-iii, c-i, d-iv

(B) a-ii, b-iii, c-iv, d-i

(C) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii

(D) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv

3. Read the following characteristics of 'growth' carefully and choose the correct option :

I. Growth is quantitative change over time.

II. Growth always leads to development.

III. Growth is a value neutral concept.

IV. Growth has positive or negative value.

(A) Only I, II and III are correct.

(B) Only I, II and IV are correct.

(C) Only II, III and IV are correct.

(D) Only I, III and IV are correct.

4. Two statements are given below. They are Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read both the statements carefully and choose the correct option.

Assertion (A) : The history and art of any area have potential attractiveness for the tourists.

Reason (R) : Tourists visit ancient archaeological sites and enjoy exploring castles and palaces.

(A) (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

(B) (A) is incorrect, but (R) is correct.

(C) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

(D) Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is **not** the correct explanation of (A).

5. Which of the following statements are true regarding rural marketing centres ? Choose the most appropriate option :

I. These market centres cater to nearby settlements.

II. These serve as the trading centres of most rudimentary type.

III. At these centres, personal and professional services are well-developed.

IV. At these centres, most of the services are retail in nature.

(A) Only I, II and III

(B) Only I, II and IV

(C) Only I, III and IV

(D) Only II, III and IV

6. Which of the following sector is involved in the highest level of decision making ?

(A) Primary sector

(B) Secondary sector

(C) Tertiary sector

(D) Quinary sector

7. Two statements are given below. They are Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read both the statements carefully and choose the correct option.

Assertion (A) : Developing countries are more involved in mining and processing of minerals.

Reason (R) : The economies of these countries are primarily based on service sector.

(A) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

(B) Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is **not** the correct explanation of (A).

(C) (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

(D) (A) is incorrect, but (R) is correct.

8. Which one of the following factors affects the most for location of 'foot loose industries' ?

(A) Accessibility by road network

(B) Near to raw material

(C) Power availability

(D) Cheap labour force

9. Choose the correctly matched pair : (Railway Zone – Headquarter)

(A) East Central – Bhubaneswar

(B) West Central – Mumbai

(C) North Central – Gorakhpur

(D) South Central – Secunderabad

10. Which one of the following set of states are the partners in 'Konkan Railway' ?

(A) Goa, Karnataka and Kerala

(B) Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu

(C) Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka

(D) Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa

11. Match Column I with Column II correctly and choose the appropriate option :

Column I (Waterways)	Column II (Stretch)
a. National Waterway No. 1	i. Godavari-Krishna Rivers with Kakinada
b. National Waterway No. 2	ii. Prayagraj – Haldia
c. National Waterway No. 3	iii. Kottapuram – Kollam
d. National Waterway No. 4	iv. Sadiya – Dhubri

(A) a-i, b-iii, c-ii, d-iv

(B) a-i, b-iii, c-iv, d-ii

(C) a-ii, b-iv, c-i, d-iii

(D) a-ii, b-iv, c-iii, d-i

12. At present, the Grand Trunk Road extends between which of the following two cities ?

(A) Amritsar and Bhubaneswar

(B) Amritsar and Kolkata

(C) Pathankot and Kolkata

(D) Pathankot and Bhubaneswar

13. The 'Swachh Bharat Mission' is part of which one of the following ?

(A) Urban Land Development Mission

(B) Urban Renewal Mission

(C) Urban Housing Development Drive

(D) Urban Plantation Drive

14. Which one of the following is the main cause of land degradation in the irrigated area of desert ?

(A) Soil salinity

(B) Soil erosion

(C) Ravine erosion

(D) Pastures degradation

15. Study the following table carefully and answer the question nos. 15 to 17 :

Direction of India's Import Trade (in ₹ crore)

Region	Imports	
	2010 – 11	2016 – 17
Europe	323857	403972
Africa	118612	193327
North America	100602	195332
Latin America	64576	115762
Asia and ASEAN	1029881	1544520

Between 2010 – 11 and 2016 – 17, which one of the following regions had the lowest difference in imports ?

(A) Europe (B) Africa

(C) North America (D) Latin America

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Which one of the following shows the correct increase in imports with Africa between 2010 – 11 and 2016 – 17 ?

(A) ₹ 74,715 crore (B) ₹ 74,315 crore

(C) ₹ 74,115 crore (D) ₹ 74,015 crore

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Arrange the following regions of the world from the lowest to the highest order on the bases of imports during 2016 – 17 and choose the correct option :

I. Europe

II. Africa

III. North America

IV. Latin America

(A) III, I, IV, II (B) III, I, II, IV

(C) IV, II, III, I (D) IV, II, I, III

Section B

18. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Water Pollution

Various types of chemicals used in modern agriculture such as inorganic fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides are pollution generating components. These chemicals are washed down to rivers, lakes and tanks. These chemicals also infiltrate the soil to reach the ground water. Fertiliser induces an increase in the nitrate content of surface waters. Manufacturing and improper domestic waste disposal also cause water pollution in India.

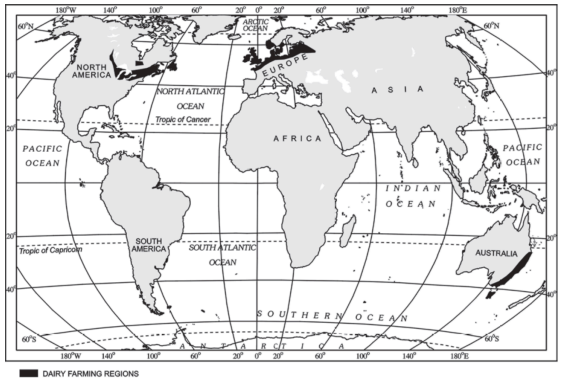
18.1. Explain the role of agricultural practices in water pollution.

18.2. How can we check water pollution by changing agricultural practices ?

18.3. Suggest any two ways to reduce water pollution.

19. Study the given map carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Areas of Dairy Farming



19.1. Name the largest dairy farming region of the world.

19.2. Name the important dairy farming region of southern hemisphere.

19.3. Explain the main characteristic of dairy farming.

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

Explain the main characteristics of dairy farming in the world with example.

Section C

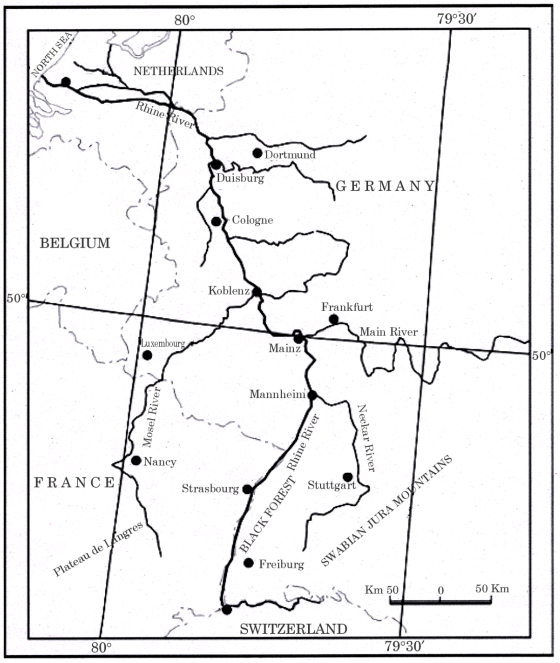
20. Explain the inter-relationship between physical and socio-cultural environment.

21. Study the map carefully and explain the given waterway on the following bases :

(i) Location

(ii) Terminal points

(iii) Significance



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

Explain the significance of the 'Volga river waterway'.

22(a). "Many of the towns in India are multifunctional." Analyse the statement.

OR

22(b). "The objective of the 'Smart Cities Mission' is to create a replicable model." Analyse the statement.

23. Explain the main reasons for the increase in imports of petroleum in India.

Section D

24. Analyse the factors affecting the population change in the world.

25(a). Classify industries on the basis of size and explain the significance of manufacturing industries.

OR

25(b). Why are manufacturing industries necessary ? Classify industries on the basis of ownership and explain them.

26(a). "India has a highly uneven pattern of population distribution." Support the statement with examples.

OR

26(b). "The population of India grew rapidly during phase III of population growth." Support the statement with examples.

27(a). "The intensive irrigation in the areas of successful 'green revolution' have both positive and negative impacts." Analyse the statement.

OR

27(b). "The groundwater utilization is very high in the states where 'green revolution' is successful." Analyse the statement.

28(a). Suggest the measures to achieve ecological sustainability in Indira Gandhi Canal Command Area.

OR

28(b). Examine the socio-economic benefits derived from the 'Integrated Tribal Development Project' in Bharmaur Region.

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 terminal station on Trans-Continental Railway

B. A major sea port

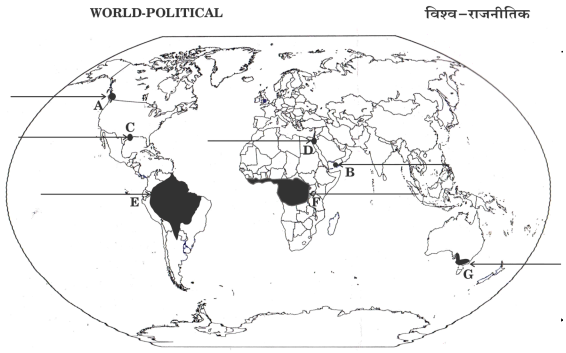
C. An international airport

D. A canal connecting Red Sea with Mediterranean Sea

E. An area of subsistence gathering

F. An area of nomadic herding

G. An area of extensive commercial grain farming



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 the western terminal station of Trans-Canadian Railway.

(29.2) Name the place where a major sea port is located in Yemen.

(29.3) Name a place in United States of America where an international airport is located.

(29.4) Name the canal which links Red Sea with Mediterranean Sea.

(29.5) Name an area of subsistence gathering in South America.

(29.6) Name an area of nomadic herding in Africa.

(29.7) Name an extensive commercial grain farming region of Australia.

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) The state with lowest density of population (2011)

(30.2) The state leading in the production of Coffee

(30.3) Iron-ore mines located in Western Maharashtra

(30.4) Bauxite mines located in Madhya Pradesh

(30.5) An oil refinery in Bihar

(30.6) A major sea port situated on Mahanadi delta

(30.7) An international airport in Kerala



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

Answer any **five** questions out of the following :

(30.1) Name the state having lowest density of population (2011).

(30.2) Name the state leading in the production of Coffee.

(30.3) Name the place where iron-ore mines are located in Western Maharashtra.

(30.4) Name one place of bauxite mines in Madhya Pradesh.

(30.5) Name the place where an oil refinery is located in Bihar.

(30.6) Name the major sea port situated on Mahanadi delta.

(30.7) Name the place where an international airport is located in Kerala.

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