M.A./M.Sc. 3rd Semester Examination, 2015

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER - GEO-304

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

Write the answers to questions of each Unit in separate books

OPTION - I

(Special Paper: Coastal Geomorphology)

UNIT - 31

(Coastal Processes)

[Marks: 20]

(Turn Over)

GROUP - A

1. Answer any one question:

 8×1

- (a) Explain the mechanism of wave attenuation during its journey towards coast. How is rule of conservation of energy maintained in this process?

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- (b) Illustrate how does intensity of long shore current depend on angle of wave approach.
 How does rip cell develop on regular coast?

GROUP -- B

2. Answer any two questions:

 4×2

- (a) Elucidate coast as a process-response system.
- (b) Classify wave based on mode of oscillation and particle rotation.
- (c) What is difference between tide and Ebb dominated coast?
- (d) How do chenier dunes evolve?

GROUP - C

3. Answer any two questions:

- 2×2
- (a) What is the role of beach gradient in wave breaking?
- (b) Define edge wave.
- (c) Define 'zero plane dispacement'.
- (d) What are the principle types of ripples?

[Special Paper: Coastal Environments]

UNIT - 32

(Focus on Indian Regions)

[Marks : 20]

GROUP - A

- 1. Answer any one from the following questions:
 - (a) Explain how coastal economy and society are affected in consequence of the coastal
 - are affected in consequence of the coastal erosion hazards of previous decades siting with the examples from West Bengal and Odisha States of India.

(b) Discuss the origin and sediment supply of carbonate platforms fringed with the coral dominated coasts of Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands.

GROUP - B

- 2. Answer any two from the following questions: 4×2
 - (a) Identify and explain the morphology of estuaries in reference to Hugli down stream section.
 - (b) Identify the variation of beach morphology as a function of tidal range along Sundarban Estuarine Complex.
 - (c) The landforms and ecosystems of wave -dominated coasts are sensitive to interference from human activity. Explain with Indian experiences.
 - (d) How the coastal Ecosystems of West Bengal are being threatened by human activities?

GROUP - C

- 3. Answer any two from the following questions:
 - (a) Define Beach rocks.

 2×2

- (b) Differentiate between Swamps and Mudflats of Estuarine lowland.
- (c) In which CRZ division Sundarban Tiger Reserve belongs and why?
- (d) What is the significance of Hazard Zonation along the coasts?

[Special Paper: Urban]

UNIT - 31

(Foundation of Urban Geography)

[Marks: 20]

GROUP - A

1. Answer any one question:

 8×1

(a) Point out the contribution of E. Howard to modern concepts of Urban Planning and Management.

(b) Mention the background that led to the emergence of new towns and trace their development in different countries in the post-industrial era.

GROUP - B

2. Answer any two questions:

 4×2

- (a) Comment on the structural and functional features of National Urban system.
- (b) Highlight principles related to planning for sustainable urban development.
- (c) Analyse the importance of urbanism in urban planning.
- (d) Explain the concept of smart cities initiated in the present planning efforts.

GROUP - C

3. Answer any two questions:

 2×2

(a) Differentiate statutory town from Census town.

- (b) Bring out the relationship between new cities and gated communities.
- (c) State the approaches to planning for social city.
- (d) Differentiate urban landuse from urban ecology.

UNIT - 32

(Contemporary Urban Issues)

[Marks : 20]

GROUP - A

1. Answer any one question:

- 8×1
- (a) How rural-urban interaction around the metropolises promotes regional development?
- (b) What do you mean by urban sociology? Enumerate the contribution of Karl Marx and E. Durkheim in this respect.

GROUP - B

- 2. Answer any two from the following: 4×2
 - (a) Identify the major causes of homelessness in the urban areas of developed countries.
 - (b) How far social stratification is linked to territorial segregation of social groups in an urban area? Give examples.
 - (c) What are the principal features of transnational cities?
 - (d) Enumerate the impact of private transport on mass transit in urban areas.

GROUP - C

- 3. Answer any two from the following: 2×2
 - (a) What is 'hub-culture'?
 - (b) What are the effects of tertiarization on developing economics?
 - (c) What is urban Canyon?
 - (d) What is meant by the city's foot print?

[Special Paper: RS & GIS]

UNIT - 31

(Physical Basis of Remote Sensing)

[Marks: 20]

GROUP - A

1. Answer any one question:

 8×1

- (a) What do you mean by Electromagnetic spectrum? Determine the relationship among the wavelength, frequency and the energy content of a photon.
- (b) Write a brief note on satellite remote sensing data acquisition data product, and data dissemination.

GROUP - B

2. Answer any two questions:

 4×2

(a) What do you mean by the thermal properties of terrain?

- (b) Write down the different parameters for the selection of the remote sensing sensor and how such parameters determine the resolution of a sensor.
- (c) Mention different types of Satellites based upon their orbital characteristics and write down their importance.
- (d) Briefly explain the energy interactions with the terrain.

GROUP - C

3. Answer any two questions:

 2×2

- (a) What do you mean by atmospheric window?
- (b) Write down the difference between Black body radiation and Gray body radiation.
- (c) Write a short note on charge-coupled device (CCD).
- (d) Explain briefly the Kepler's second law of orbital movement of a satellite.