

ICSE SEMESTER 2 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

QUESTION PAPER

GEOGRAPHY

H.C.G. Paper – 2

Maximum Marks: 40

Time allowed: One and a half hours

Answers to this Paper must be written on the paper provided separately.

You will not be allowed to write during the first 10 minutes.

This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.

The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.

Attempt all questions from Section A and any three questions from Section B.

The marks intended for questions are given in brackets []

SECTION A

(Attempt all questions)

Question 1

On the outline map of India provided mark and name the following:

[10]

- i. Andaman sea
- ii. Konkan coast
- iii. Chota Nagpur plateau
- iv. Eastern Ghats
- v. Winds that bring rainfall to the South-western Indian in summer
- vi. Kolkata
- vii. Region of dense population in Southern India
- viii. R. Jhelum
- ix. Digboi oilfield
- x. R. Tungabhadra

(Attempt any three questions from this Section)

Question 2

- i) a) Give any one use of copper.
- b) Manganese is an important raw material in the iron and steel industry. [2]
- ii) a) Why is CNG preferred as an alternative to petrol and diesel?
- b) Ethyl mercaptan is added to LPG [2]
- iii) With reference to the Hirakud dam, answer the following:-
 - a) On which river is it situated?
 - b) Which state is benefitted due to this dam?
 - c) What is one of the significant aspects of this dam? [3]
- iv) a) Mention two advantages of using wind energy as a fuel.
- b) Biogas is considered a cheap source of energy. [3]

Question 3

- i) Discuss any two environmental problems that affect the agricultural sector in India. [2]
- ii) a) Write down the sowing and harvesting seasons respectively for Kharif crops.
- b) Name any two crops that fall under this category. [2]
- iii) With reference to Sugarcane cultivation answer the following:
 - (a) Name the soil found suitable for its growth.
 - (b) Which North Indian state is the largest producer?
 - (c) Why is this crop grown in southern parts of India? Write down two reasons. [3]
- iv) a) Mention any two states in which Tea is produced in India.
- b) Why are tea plantations set up on hill slopes? [3]

Question 4

- i) What are agro-based industries? Give two examples. [2]
- ii) Discuss any two reasons that have helped Mumbai emerge as one of the important cotton manufacturers in India. [2]
- iii) With reference to Tata Iron and Steel Company, answer the following question:
 - a) Where is it located?
 - b) What is the main source of power for this plant? Name one region from where it is supplied.
 - c) Which two kinds of facilities help in transportation of the finished products produced here? [3]

iv) a) Write down any two reasons why petrochemical products are being preferred over the natural materials?

b) Write down one way in which the software industry has brought a lot of difference to the Electronics industry.

[3]

Question 5

i) Write a short note on the North-South and East-West corridor.

[2]

ii) The Peninsular rivers are not ideal for navigation.

[2]

iii) Explain the advantages of using Airways.

[3]

iv) With reference to National Highways, answer the following:-

a) Mention one main reason for constructing them.

b) Which regulatory body looks after them? Write down its function.

[3]

Question 6

i) What is the need for waste management?

[2]

ii) What is greenhouse effect? How can this phenomenon occur due to improper waste management?

[2]

iii) Write down three reasons why the practice of Composting is beneficial.

[3]

iv) List down the three R's of waste management.

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