

IASbaba Full Length Mock



GEOGRAPHY Paper - II

Time Allowed: Three

Maximum Marks: 250

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:

There are EIGHT questions divided in TWO SECTIONS and printed both in ENGLISH.

Candidate has to attempt FIVE questions in all.

Questions no. 1 and 5 are compulsory and out of the remaining, any THREE are to be attempted choosing at least ONE from each section.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Answers must be written in the medium authorised in the Admission Certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) Booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in a medium other than the authorised one.

Word limit in questions, - wherever specified, should be adhered to.

Illustrate your answers with suitable sketches, maps and diagrams, wherever considered necessary. These shall be drawn in the space provided for answering the question itself

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

SECTION-A

Q1. Answer all the following. The word limit for (b), (c), (d), (e) is 150 words each. 10x5=50

- a) On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the locations of all the following. Write in your QCA Booklet the significance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/economic/ecological/environmental/cultural, in not more than 30 words for each entry.
- i. Kosi river
 - ii. Amravati
 - iii Panna Biosphere Reserve
 - iv. Saddle peak
 - v. Barren island
- b) Discuss and elaborate upon the concept of 'drought as an ecological hazard. 10
- c) How severe is the problem of soil erosion in India? Discuss. 10
- d) Discuss the physiography of coastal plains of India. 10
- e) Write a short note on agro-ecological regions of India. 10

Q2.

- a) The river ecosystem in India is under severe threat. Discuss the causative factors. What strategies would you suggest to manage the river ecosystem? 15
- b) India is faced with the scarcity of many strategic minerals. Do you agree? Substantiate. Also discuss implications of the scarcity. How can it be overcome. 15
- c) What are the ways to enhance agricultural productivity? Many a times, the means adopted to increase productivity affect the sustainability of agriculture. Do you agree? Substantiate. 20

Q3.

- a) Do you think genetically modified seed varieties can address the food problem in India? Also discuss the effect of GM seeds on farms, farmers and consumers. 15

- b) What are the locational factors for the iron and steel industry? Do the locations of iron and steel industry in India always correspond to these factors? If not, discuss these deviations by taking suitable examples. **15**
- c) The growing trade deficit of India vis a vis China is a cause of serious concern. Do you agree? What are its negative implications? . Also suggest various ways to bridge this deficit. **20**

Q4.

- a) Give a detailed account of temporal rainfall pattern in India. Also analyse the effect of ENSO on this pattern. **15**
- b) Inland waterways remain an untapped segment of transportation potential in India. Do you agree? Also discuss the advantages, limitations and challenges of developing waterways in India. **15**
- c) The performance of PSUs in India has been a mixed bag. Do you agree? Which are the sectors in which PSUs have performed well? Also identify the sectors where the performance of PSUs has been sub optimal. Why such difference occurs? Analyse. **20**

SECTION-B

Q5. Answer all the following. The word limit for (b), (c), (d), (e) is 150 words each. **10x5=50**

- a) On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the locations of all the following. Write in your QCA Booklet the significance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/economic/ecological/environmental/cultural, in not more than 30 words for each entry.
- i. Panipat
 - ii. National Waterway 1
 - iii. Ahmedabad
 - iv. Nilgiri
 - v. Nathu la
- b) Discuss the potential of cottage industries as a source of sustainable rural income. **10**
- c) What is blue economy? Why does blue economy require green growth? Discuss. **10**

- d) Famine, to a considerable extent, is a man made hazard. Elaborate. **10**
- e) Discuss the significance of watershed as a unit of planning. **10**

Q6.

- a) Many regions in India are prone to droughts. Identify them on an outline map of India. While there have been various plans and schemes in the past to address the same, the condition of residents in general and farmers in particular doesn't seem to have improved much in these regions. Why? Critically analyse. **15**
- b) Elaborate upon the concept of 'sustainable urban development'. What are its components and strategies? **15**
- c) What is the geographical basis of Indian federalism? Discuss. Also elaborate upon the concept of cooperative federalism in India. **20**

Q7.

- a) Eco-tourism is meant for ensuring sustainable and responsible tourism. However, the concept itself has undergone large scale commercialisation. Do you agree. Critically analyse. **15**
- b) Despite having the largest livestock population in the world, dairy farming hasn't reached its true potential in India. Why? Examine. Also suggest various measures to improve the performance of dairy sector in India. **15**
- c) Discuss the social and cultural characteristics of urban settlements with respect to their structure and functions. **20**

Q8.

- a) Discuss the significance of blue water navy for India in the light of the maritime geopolitics of the Indian Ocean. **15**
- b) India's complex geography makes it more vulnerable to cross border terrorism. Elucidate. **15**
- c) Many Indian cities are facing the challenge of solid waste management. What strategies would you suggest to address the problem of solid waste in Indian cities? Discuss. **20**