

2013

GEOGRAPHY

( Major )

Paper : 5.2

( **Regional Geography of India  
and SAARC Nations** )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : . 1×7=7
- (a) List the main physiographic divisions of India.
  - (b) Which is the most densely populated State of India?
  - (c) What soils are found in the Gangetic Valley?
  - (d) Name two agro-climatic regions of India.
  - (e) When did railways start in India?
  - (f) Provide an example of pipe transport in India.
  - (g) Name a major petrochemical industrial unit from Assam or Gujarat.

2. Answer the following questions in brief :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Does India's location have any significance?
- (b) What types of natural vegetation are found in North-East India?
- (c) Which areas of India exhibit sparse population density?
- (d) What two features mark Indian agriculture?

3. Answer any *three* questions from the following :  $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) "India is a case of unity in diversity." List out a few points in support of this observation.
- (b) What features mark India's climate?
- (c) Present the salient features of India's population growth after 1951.
- (d) What are the main features of trade and commerce in any SAARC country (other than India)?
- (e) Discuss in brief—"Railways as a mode of transport in India or any SAARC country."

4. Answer any *three* questions from the following : 10×3=30

- (a) "India represents unity in diversity." Assess this statement in view of India's climate and physiography. 10
- (b) What ails Indian agriculture? Compare the problems of agriculture in hill areas with lowland areas. 4+6=10
- (c) Discuss the distribution and production pattern of the iron and steel industry in India. 10
- (d) Provide a geographical assessment of any SAARC country (except India) taking into account location, conflict and cooperation and trade. 10
- (e) Have physiography and population distribution and the existence of urban centers influenced the distribution of roads, railways and air transport routes in India? 10
- (f) What is the pattern of industrial development in India in the last 50 years? 10

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