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Term Examination

2026 – 2027

Grade: 8 **Subject:** Geography

Time: 2½ hours **Maximum Marks:** 80

Part I

1. **(i) Fill in the Blanks**

(a) A pack-track is shown under the _____ category of conventional signs on a topo-sheet. [1]

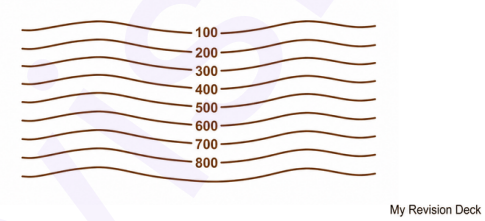
(b) When the valleys of many rivers and streams run across the top of a plateau, it is known as a _____ plateau. [1]

(c) _____ are imaginary lines joining places having the same height above mean sea level. [1]

(d) Linear settlements are also known as _____-patterned settlements. [1]

(ii) Choose the correct option

(a) Observe the contour diagram shown. Which of the given options best identifies the type of slope represented? [1]

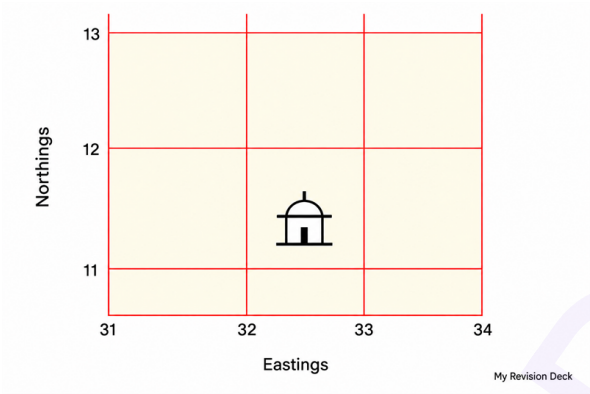


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(a) Steep slope
(b) Gentle slope
(c) Flat plain
(d) Cliff edge

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(b) Observe the grid diagram shown. Which of the given options best gives the four-figure grid reference of the temple? [1]



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(a) 3211
(b) 1132
(c) 3212
(d) 1233

(iii) Answer in Brief

(a) Distinguish between rural and urban settlements. [2]

(b) What is transport and communication as a head of topo-sheet interpretation? State any two items studied under it. [2]

2. **(i) Write whether the statements are true or false. If false, change the statement to a true statement by changing the underlined word only.**

(a) The Chilka lake on the eastern coast of India lies in the state of Andhra Pradesh. [1]

(b) Mongolia, a landlocked Asian country, lies between Russia in the north and Kazakhstan in the south. [1]

(c) The capital of the eastern state of West Bengal is Kolkata. [1]

(d) On the map of India, the Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve is located in Assam. [1]

(e) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands lie in the Bay of Bengal to the east of the Indian mainland. [1]

(ii) Name the Following

(a) On the map of India, the north-western state where Tropical Thorn Forests are found in central and eastern parts. [1]

(b) The water channel that separates the Andaman Islands from the Nicobar Islands, named after a parallel of latitude. [1]

(c) On the map of India, the Indian state where Jim Corbett National Park is located. [1]

(d) The Eastern Coastal Plains stretch lying between the Mahanadi and Krishna rivers. [1]

(e) On the map of India, the state where the Chandra Prabha Wildlife Sanctuary is located. [1]

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3. **Select the correct answers to the questions from the given options. (Do not copy the questions, write the correct answer only).**

(i) Which of the following is a positive impact of underpopulation? [1]

(a) Underpopulated countries have plenty of cheap labour for their industries
(b) Underpopulated countries experience little to no overcrowding and congestion
(c) Underpopulated countries use all of their resources fully and efficiently
(d) Underpopulated countries have very high production as every worker has a job

(ii) Why is rainfall scanty in the Tropical Desert regions of Asia? [1]

(a) Because the region receives only winter cyclonic storms that fail to bring any rainfall
(b) Because the winds blowing over them are offshore winds, which give only scanty rainfall
(c) Because the winds reaching them come from the cold, dry Arctic regions
(d) Because mountain barriers in the south block all rain-bearing winds from reaching deserts

(iii) What kind of judgement is required by unskilled human resources for their work? [1]

(a) Little or no independent judgement, with no need to know the work environment
(b) Little or no independent judgement, with familiarity with the work environment
(c) Some independent judgement, based on previous experience in the same kind of work
(d) Independent judgement gained through a special kind of education or training

(iv) Which of the following groups of areas falls under the scanty rainfall region with less than 50 cm annual rainfall? [1]

(a) Leh in Ladakh, Southern Punjab and Western Rajasthan
(b) Mumbai in Maharashtra, Coastal Karnataka and Northern Kerala
(c) Shillong in Meghalaya, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
(d) Kolkata in West Bengal, Bihar and Coastal Odisha

(v) The city of Jamshedpur developed when the Tata Steel Plant was established there in 1907. Which rural area was transformed into this city? [1]

(a) Bokaro
(b) Sakchi
(c) Bhilai
(d) Rourkela

(vi) Assertion (A): The 2015 Nepal earthquake was particularly destructive. [1]
Reason (R): The quake had a depth of approximately 8.2 km, considered shallow geologically.

(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
(b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

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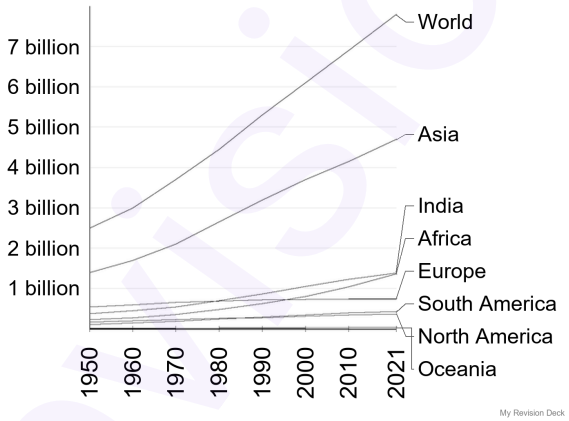
(vii) Assertion (A): Immigration into a region with low birth and death rates leads to an immediate decrease in its population. [1]
Reason (R): Immigration of people of different races, religions and languages creates a multi-ethnic society.

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(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

(viii) Assertion (A): A low pressure belt is created over the central parts of Asia during the summer season. [1]
Reason (R): During summer, the rays of the Sun fall vertically on the Tropic of Cancer, and the high temperature makes the air hot, so that it expands.

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(b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
(c) A is true but R is false
(d) A is false but R is true

(ix) Observe the line graph of population from 1950 to 2021 for the world and the major continents (the topmost line is the world total). Which of the given options best identifies the continent that has consistently been the most populated throughout this period? [1]



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(a) Africa
(b) Europe
(c) South America
(d) Asia

(x) Observe the logo in the image. Which practice is the scheme it represents mainly meant to prevent? [1]



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(a) Gender biased sex selective elimination (female foeticide)
(b) The giving and taking of dowry at marriages
(c) Paying women lower wages than men for the same work
(d) Employing young girls as domestic helpers

Part II

(Attempt all questions from this Section.)

4. (i) How does the monsoon influence the Indian economy and water resources? [2]

(ii) Coastal and interior regions of India have very different climates because of their distance from the sea.

(a) What kind of climate is found in interior regions of India that lie far from the sea? [1]

(b) What causes the moderating effect on temperature that gives coastal areas their equable climate? [1]

(iii) The Burst of the Monsoon marks the dramatic onset of the rainy season in Kerala.

(a) In which week of June does the Burst of the Monsoon usually occur in Kerala? [1]

(b) Explain how the South-East Trade Winds become the South-West Monsoon over India. [2]

(iv) Discuss the features of the Retreating Monsoon season in India. [3]

5. **(i) Name the following.**

(a) The two converging tectonic plates whose movement caused the 2015 Nepal earthquake. [1]

(b) The scale used to measure the magnitude or energy released by an earthquake. [1]

(ii) Mitigation strategies differ from one kind of disaster to another.

(a) What is meant by mitigation in the context of disasters? [1]

(b) Which Indian corporation has built four major dams and reservoirs on a river and its tributaries to control floods? [1]

(iii) Give geographical reasons for the following.

(a) Oil spills are deadly to seabirds and marine mammals. [1]

(b) The river Brahmaputra is prone to severe flooding in Assam every year. [1]

(c) Forest fires especially in rainforests have become a global hazard. [1]

(iv) Study the image of floods in a southern state of India and answer the questions that follow.



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(a) Identify the Indian state in which this evacuation is taking place, and the year in which it happened. [1]

(b) Describe the impact of these floods. [2]

6. (i) Mention any four push factors of migration. [2]

(ii) Climate refugees are a much-discussed topic in migration studies.

(a) Who are climate refugees? [1]

(b) Why are the Carteret Islanders becoming climate refugees? [1]

(iii) Brain drain is a special kind of migration whose impacts on donor and receiver countries are quite distinct.

(a) From which type of country to which type of country does brain drain usually occur? [1]

(b) Mention any two positive impacts of brain drain on the donor country. [2]

(iv) Describe the four types of internal migration with one example or feature of each. [3]

7. (i) Why do diseases spread in cities of developing and underdeveloped countries? [2]

(ii) Some of the oldest inhabited cities of the world are found across different continents.

(a) Name the oldest inhabited city in India. [1]

(b) In which country is the ancient inhabited city of Plovdiv located? [1]

(iii) Satellite cities are smaller or medium-sized planned cities located near larger cities.

(a) Who looks after the civic amenities of a satellite city? [1]

(b) Describe how a satellite city is connected to the larger city and why this connection matters. [2]

(iv) Describe the purpose of the Smart Cities Mission launched by the government of India, and mention any four typical features of development under it. [3]

8. (i) Mention any four features that separate Asia from the continent of Europe on its western side. [2]

(ii) Several of Asia's major river plains lie in eastern and northern China, formed by some of the longest rivers of the continent.

(a) By which river is the Manchurian Plain formed? [1]

(b) By which two rivers is the Great Plain of China formed? [1]

(iii) Asia has both the wettest and the driest places of the continent, separated by thousands of kilometres.

(a) Which Indian state receives the highest rainfall on the Asian continent? [1]

(b) Discuss the temperature extremes of the Asian continent with examples. [2]

(iv) Describe the Northern Lowlands of Asia in detail. Mention their two regions, the rivers involved and the unique features. [3]

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Portions covered in this paper: Population Dynamics, Migration, Urbanisation, Disasters, Representation of Geographical Features, India - Geographical Features, Climate of India, Wildlife of India, Human Resources of India, Asia - Largest Continent, Climate of Asia

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