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GEOGRAPHY

Paper: GGY-2086

(Population and Settlement Geography)

Full Marks: 80

Time: Three hours

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

Unit-I

(Population Geography)

Answer any two questions carrying 16 marks each and two questions carrying 8 marks each.

- 1. Define the field of population geography, its trend of development and significance in the contemporary world. 6+6+4=16
- 2. Critically examine the Demographic transition theory and Malthusian theory of population growth. Briefly discuss the strength and limitation of these theories.

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- 3. Define data and discuss the specific nature of population data. Discuss all possible sources of population data and associated problems of population data acquisition and data handling. 8+8=16
- 4. Discuss the socio-economic and demographic characteristics of population and differences between the developed and developing world. In that perspective how do you visualize the population characteristics of India? (6+6)+4=16
- With proper illustrations present the population resource relationship.
- 6. Citing the examples of countries discuss the concepts of underpopulation, overpopulation and optimum population.
- 7. With suitable examples from South and South-East Asia discuss the patterns, processes and consequences of migration.

8 Discuss the component of population growth and state how one influences the others.

Unit-II

(Settlement Geography)

Answer any one question carrying 16 marks and two questions carrying 8 marks each.

- Discuss the field of settlement geography and different approaches adapted in its study.
- 10. What do you mean by morphology of settlement? What are the factors responsible for giving shape to rural morphology? Give suitable examples from NE region of India.

 4+8+4=16
- 11. Discuss the internal structure of urban settlement on the basis of central place theory.
- 12. Discuss briefly the characteristics of rural and urban settlements with special reference to developed and developing countries.

13. With appropriate illustration and example discuss the primate city concept. 8

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- 14. Write short notes on the following:

 (any two) 4×2=8
 - (a) Rural-urban dichotomy and continuity
 - (b) Rank-size rule
 - (c) Urban fringe