

(Geography of Environment and Development)

Full Marks: 80

Time: Three hours

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

GROUP-A

Answer any three questions:

16×3=48

- 1. Explain the meaning of environment and describe in detail the components of the environment, highlighting their interrelationships and functions.
- 2. Discuss the historical perspectives on the man-environment relationship and critically evaluate different approaches to studying this relationship.

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- 3. Analyze the role of humans as a factor in climate change with particular reference to industrialization, urbanization, and global warming.
- 4. Define sustainable development and critically discuss its importance in harmonizing environmental and developmental goals.
- 5. Examine the environmental hazards and disasters prevalent in the Brahmaputra and Barak valleys, emphasizing flood hazards and their management strategies.

GROUP-B

Answer any four of the following: 8×4=32

- 6. Define environmental geography and explain its emergence as an important branch of geography.
- 7. Describe the energy flow within an ecosystem and its ecological significance.
- 8. Briefly discuss the effects of environmental pollution on human and ecological systems.
- 9. Explain the concept and importance of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

- 10. Provide an overview of global and regional environmental programs and policies designed to address contemporary environmental issues.
- 11. Write short notes: (any two) $4\times2=8$
 - (a) Bio-geochemical cycles
 - (b) Environmental management
 - (c) Global warming