

IAS Mains Geography 1997

Paper II

Candidates should attempt Questions 1 and 5 which are compulsory, and any three of the remaining questions selecting at least one question from each section. All questions carry equal marks.

Section A

1. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each
 - a. Discuss the origin and main geomorphic feature of Thar Desert of India
 - b. Examine the significance of social forestry in the rural economy of India.
 - c. Examine the genesis of racial diversity in India
 - d. Discuss the impact of green revolution on the agricultural production in India.
2. Critically examine the factors affecting the distributional pattern of population in India.
3. Evaluate the nature of ecological problem in India and suggest measures for their measurement.
4. Divide Peninsular India into agricultural regions. Explain the basis of such a regionalisation.

Section B

5. Answer any three of the following in about 200 words each:
 - a. Analyse the locational pattern of cement industry in India.
 - b. Examine the census concept of urban areas in India.
 - c. Discuss the nature of commodity flows in India.
 - d. Evaluate the benefits of Block Level development planning in India.
6. Critically examine the locational pattern and trend of production of forest based industries in India.
7. Draw a sketch map of India showing major river basins. Examine the feasibility of the concept of river basins as a planning unit.
8. Explain the basis and consequences of the establishment and implementation of recommendations of the State Re-organisation Commission in India since 1950s.