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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) What is the total area of India?
 - (b) Which is the largest State of India in terms of population?
 - (c) Which is the smallest country among the SAARC nations?
 - (d) What is the density of population in India as per 2011 Census?
 - (e) In which State of India the input of fertilizer per hectare is the highest?

- (f) In which year the first iron and steel industry in India was established?
- (g) What is the name of the headquarters of NF Railway?

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) Mention two important characteristics of soil of the Ganga Plain.
- (b) State two major factors responsible for higher amount of annual rainfall in North-East India.
- (c) Mention two important challenges that the SAARC nations have to face in near future in the process of their economic development.
- (d) Mention two major gains of agricultural modernization in India under Green Revolution.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 5×3=15

- (a) Discuss the salient features of the Himalayas as a physiographic division of India.
- (b) Give an outline of the population growth in India during the recent period.

- (c) Discuss briefly the pattern of distribution of sugar or cotton textile industries of India.
- (d) Give an account of the problems of shifting cultivation in the North-Eastern Region of India.
- (e) Discuss in brief the contribution of road transport to the economic development of India.

4. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

10×3=30

- (a) Give an outline of the distribution of natural vegetation in India with particular reference to the desert vegetation.
- (b) Explain why the distribution of population in India shows a tendency for concentration in the river valleys and the coastal plains.
- (c) Discuss critically the industrial policies of India focussing mainly on their weaknesses.

- (d) Discuss the importance of political and economic cooperation among the SAARC nations for the development of the entire South Asia.
- (e) Explain the locational significance of India and examine its contribution towards unity in diversity of the country with examples.

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