

2019

MA/MSc

4th Semester Examination

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER – GEO-402

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their
Own words as far as practicable.*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

(Turn Over)

Land , Water, Forests: Conflict and Conservation**Group A**

1. **Answer any one questions :** **1×8=8**

- a) Discuss the reasons behind various types of land degradation process, and explain the methods of land conservation practiced in India with examples.
- b) Explain the differences in characterization diversity of Rain Forests and Mangrove Forests with suitable diagrammes.

Group B

2. **Answer any two questions :** **2×4=8**

- a) Discuss the significances of various Land class systems.
- b) Explain the functions and utilities of Wetlands in India.
- c) Give the reasons of salinization of ground water in coastal areas.
- d) Elucidate the significance of water assessment.

Group C

3. **Answer any two from the following :** **2×2=4**

- a) What is the need of social forestry in India?
- b) Identify the management methods of degraded forests practiced in West Bengal.
- c) Explain why water quality is degraded in India.
- d) Identify the characters of agro-forestry.

Social & Cultural Geography

Group A

1. Answer any **ONE** questions from the following:

1×8=8

- a) State the paradigm shifting of content of Social Geography since its origin as a separate branch of Geography.
- b) 'India is a land of cultural diversity'- Elucidate this statement by sharing North-South cultural divide in India.

Group B

2. Answer any **TWO** from the following: **2x4**

- a) Explain the role of Social Processes in Social association and segregation.
- b) Explain with diagram the process of social exclusion found especially in the developed countries .
- c) Differentiate among the indicators of Social Wellbeing as Postulated by Smith and Amartya Sen.
- d) 'Race is a biological construct where as ethnicity is a social construct'- justify this statement.

Group C

3. Answer any **TWO** from the following: **2x2**

- a) Differentiate Cultural Pluralism from melting Pot
- b) What is meant by "inter cultural exchange" ?
- c) What is a Ghetto?
- d) Distinguish between Caste and Religion.