

M:A/M.Sc. 4th Semester Examination, 2011

**GEOGRAPHY**

PAPER—GR-2402

*Full Marks : 40*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks*

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

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary*

**UNIT — XXXIX**

*( Landuse Management )*

**GROUP — A**

1. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1

(a) Discuss the causes and consequences of soil erosion.

*( Turn Over )*

- (b) Comment on the environmental consequences of landuse changes. Give examples from West Bengal.

GROUP – B

2. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2

- (a) Bring out the management strategies for reclamation of Sunderban region.
- (b) How does a saline soil degrade into alkali soil ?
- (c) Briefly discuss the strategies for managing wetlands.
- (d) How does landuse in peri-urban areas differ from that in urban areas ?

GROUP – C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 2 × 2

- (a) How a gullied terrain be managed ?
- (b) Why are the wetlands rich in biodiversity ?

- (c) What are the hydrological responses to landuse change in coastal setting?
- (d) Distinguish between sheet and rill erosion.

UNIT – XL

( *Social and Cultural Geography* )

GROUP – A

1. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1
- (a) Explain the various socio-cultural characteristics associated with the major tribal groups of India. Give examples.
- (b) Examine the role of caste and religion as an element of social stratification in India.

GROUP – B

2. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2
- (a) Discuss in brief the aesthetic sense of tribes as an expression of environment centric livelihood.

- (b) Distinguish between material and non-material culture.
- (c) Examine with examples the how segregation play a part in the promotion of ethnic conflicts.
- (d) Bring out the relationship between culture and environment.

GROUP – C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 2 × 2

- (a) What is multilingualism?
  - (b) What are the indicators of social wellbeing?
  - (c) Differentiate class from caste.
  - (d) What is meant by artifacts?
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