

M.A./M.Sc. 4th Semester Examination, 2013

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER – GEO-402

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 – XL

(Social and Cultural Geography)

GROUP – A

1. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1
- (a) Give a brief account on the material culture of Indian tribes with proper example.

(Turn Over)

- (b) Explain the concept of social wellbeing in the context of its relevance to social planning in India.

GROUP – B

2. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2
- (a) Define ethnicity and state its importance for cultural diversity of an area.
- (b) 'Caste and religion play significant role for social segregation.' – Explain.
- (c) What is the role of religion in social integration ?
- (d) Explain how tribal culture supports environmental conservation.

GROUP – C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 2 × 2
- (a) Differentiate caste from class.
- (b) Define dialect.
- (c) Is race a social construct or biological ?

- (d) What are the negative impacts of social exclusion with in a society ?

UNIT – XXXIX

(Landuse Management)

GROUP – A

1. Answer any *one* from the following : 8 × 1

- (a) Explain the processes involved in erosion of soil.
- (b) Elaborate the chemical pathways of developing alkali soils in salt affected areas.

GROUP – B

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

- (a) Briefly discuss the environmental consequences of landuse change in peri-urban areas.
- (b) How does landuse change unlease social conflicts ? Give examples.

- (c) What are the ecosystem services a wetland can render ?
- (d) Suggest some strategies to control gully erosion.

GROUP – C

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

- (a) What are the soluble salts present in soils ?
- (b) What are the major goals of wetland management ?
- (c) Mention the soil related factors that control rate of soil erosion.
- (d) List the major types of landuse changes currently found in rural Bengal.