

The University of Burdwan



Syllabus

For

B.A. /B.Sc. 3-Year (General) Degree Course in Geography

w.e.f. 2011-12 onward

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B.A. /B.Sc. Course in Geography

Papers for General Course

Section I: Course Structure and Examination Pattern

Examination Pattern	Type	Paper	Title of the Paper	Marks	Exam Time
Part- I	Theoretical	I	Physical Geography	100	3 hours
Part- II	Theoretical	II	Geographical Thought, Economic and Social Geography	100	3 hours
	Practical	III	Cartographic Techniques in Geography	100	5 hours
Part -III	Theoretical	IVA	Geography of India	60	3 hours
	Practical	IVB	Analytical Techniques in Geography	40	3 hours

Section 2: Syllabus with Details of Marks Division

Part-I

PAPER-I

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100

Examination Time: 3 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 GEOTECTONICS

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Geological Time-scale and Geological History of the Earth
- 1.2 Internal Structure of the Earth
- 1.3 Continental Drift: Evidences and Mechanisms
- 1.4 Origin of Fold Mountains with special reference to Plate Tectonics

2.0 GEOMORPHOLOGY

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Processes of Denudation: Weathering, Erosion and Mass-wasting
- 2.2 Fluvial Processes and Landforms
- 2.3 Theories of Landscape Evolution (Concepts of Davis and Hack)
- 2.4 Glacial and Aeolian Processes and Landforms

3.0 CLIMATOLOGY

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Thermal Structure, Chemical Composition and Layering of Atmosphere; Horizontal distribution of Temperature
- 3.2 Origin and Classification of Air masses and their Characteristics
- 3.3 Forms of Precipitation and Types of Rainfall
- 3.4 Koppen's Classification of Climate of the World and India

4.0 SOIL GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Definition of Soil, Physical and Chemical Properties of Soil with special reference to Texture, Colour and pH
- 4.2 Soil Forming Factors, Soil Types: Zonal, Azonal and Intrazonal
- 4.3 Soil Formation: Podsolisation and Laterisation
- 4.4 Causes of Soil Erosion; Methods of Soil Conservation

5.0 BIOGEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Definition of Biosphere and Biogeography, Meaning of Ecology, Ecosystem, Environment, Ecotone, Communities, Habitats and Biotopes
- 5.2 Impact of climate and soil on distribution of plants and animals
- 5.3 Biomes: Tropical Rainforest and Temperate Grassland
- 5.4 Problems of deforestation and conservation of forest

N.B. : Pattern of setting question papers along with distribution of marks has been incorporated in the section-IV of this syllabus.

Part-II

PAPER-II

GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHT, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100

Examination Time: 3Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit 20

1.0 GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHT

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Definition, Scope and Content of Geography
- 1.2 Contributions of Humboldt and Ritter to the Discipline of Geography
- 1.3 Concepts of Determinism and Possibilism
- 1.4 Concept of Region and *Method* of Regionalisation

2.0 ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Agriculture in Tropical Region: Intensive Subsistence Agriculture (Rice) and Plantation Agriculture (Tea)
- 2.2 Agriculture in Extra-Tropical Regions: Mixed Farming (NW Europe) and Mediterranean Agriculture
- 2.3 Major Industrial Regions of the World: Industrial Characteristics of the Great Lakes and Asansol – Durgapur Regions
- 2.4 Growth and Development of Iron and Steel Industry in USA and Cotton Textile Industries in India.

3.0 POPULATION GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Growth, Distribution and Density of Population on the World
- 3.2 Concepts of Optimum Population, Overpopulation and Under-Population
- 3.3 Types of Population Migration with reference to India
- 3.4 Population Explosion and Food Crisis

4.0 HABITAT, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Major Racial Groups and their World Distribution
- 4.2 Major Linguistic Groups of India and their Distribution
- 4.3 Pygmies and Bushmen of Africa
- 4.4 Bhils and Santals of India

5.0 SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY

[20 MARKS]

- 5.1 Criteria of Classification of Settlements into Rural and Urban types in India
- 5.2 Types and Patterns of Rural Settlements and Factors responsible for their Growth
- 5.3 Definition and Characteristics of Urban Agglomeration, Metropolis and Megalopolis
- 5.4 Functional Classification of Towns

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PAPER-III (PRACTICAL)

CARTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 100

Examination Time: 5 hours

Number of periods to be assigned for Unit 1, 2, 3 and 4 – 10 each, Unit 5 - 15.

1.0 SCALE AND CARTOGRAMS

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Linear and Comparative Scales
- 1.2 Proportional Diagrams: Circles and Squares
- 1.3 Composite Bar Diagrams and Age-Sex Pyramids
- 1.4 Taylor's Climograph

2.0 MAPPING TECHNIQUES AND MAP PROJECTION

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Isopleth Method: Rainfall Distribution and Temperature Zones
- 2.2 Choropleth Method: Population Density and Cropping Intensity (Based on Ratio between Net Sown Area and Gross Cropped Area)
- 2.3 Drawing of Graticule on Cylindrical Equal Area Projection
- 2.4 Drawing of Graticule on Simple Conical Projection with One Standard Parallel

3.0 MAP INTERPRETATION

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Interpretation of Relief and Drainage from Topographical Maps
- 3.2 Interpretation of Communication and Settlement from Topographical Maps
- 3.3 Relationship between Physical and Cultural Features in Plateau and Plain Regions on the basis of Topographical Maps Published by Survey of India
- 3.4 Interpretation of Daily Weather Maps Published by India Meteorological Department

4.0 SURVEYING

[20 MARKS]

- 4.1 Definition and Classification of Surveying
- 4.2 Plane Table Survey by Radial Method
- 4.3 Open and Closed Traverse Survey by Prismatic Compass
- 4.4 Drawing of Profile by Dumpy / Precision Level

5.0 FIELD REPORT AND LABORATORY NOTEBOOK

5.1 FIELD REPORT ON EITHER A RURAL MOUZA OR AT LEAST ONE WARD OF AN URBAN AREA (TO BE CONDUCTED DURING FIELD EXCURSION).

[WRITTEN REPORT: 6 MARKS + VIVA-VOCE ON FIELD REPORT: 4 MARKS = 10 MARKS]

5.1.1 Guidelines for Field Report on Rural Mouza

The following methods are to be followed before the preparation of field report:

- (a) Plot-to-plot Land Use Survey
- (b) Collection of Socio-Economic and Physical Data
- (c) Classification and Tabulation of Data
- (d) Preparation of Land Use Map on Cadastral Plan
- (e) Preparation of Maps and Diagrams showing Physiography, Drainage, Soil, Forest, Settlement, Irrigation, Cropping Pattern, Demographic Characteristics *etc.*
- (f) Interrelation and Analysis of Data, Maps and Diagrams

The Report is to be prepared under the following sections:

- (a) Introduction: Objective, Extent and Space Relations, Sources of Information, Methodology *etc.*
- (b) Physical Components: Lithology, Drainage, Surface Condition, Slope, Climate, Soil Vegetation, *etc.*
- (c) Population: Number, Sex Ratio, Literacy, Occupational Structure, Ethnic and Religious Composition, Language, Mobility, Media Exposure, Per Capita Income *etc.*

- (d) Settlement: Number of Houses, Building Materials, Number and Size of Rooms, Amenities *etc.*
- (e) Agriculture: Soil Properties, Irrigational Facilities, General Landuse, Cropping Intensity, Crop-Combination, use of Fertilisers, Production and Marketing *etc.*
- (f) Other Economic Activities: Fishing, Horticulture, Brick-Klin Industries
- (g) Problems, Prospects, Suggestions and Conclusion
- (h) Bibliography

5.1.2 Guidelines for Field Report on Urban Area (at least one ward)

The following Methods are to be followed before the Preparation of Field Report:

- (a) Plot-to-Plot Land Use Survey
- (b) Collection of Socio-Economic Data
- (c) Classification and Tabulation of Data
- (d) Preparation of Urban Land Use Map on Cadastral Plan
- (e) Preparation of Maps and Diagrams showing Urban Morphology, Drainage and Sewage Networks, Communication Networks, Traffic Flow and Travel-Time, Demographic Characteristics, Cultural and Economic Zonation *etc.*
- (f) Interrelation and Analysis of Data, Maps and Diagrams

The Report is to be Prepared under the following Sections:

- (a) Introduction: Objective, Extent and Space Relations, Sources of Information, Methodology *etc.*
- (b) Physical Components: Surface Conditions, Slope, Drainage, Climate, *etc.*
- (c) Demography: Spatial Analyses of Population Density, FMR, Literacy, Occupational Structure, Ethnic and Religious Composition, Language, Mobility, Media Exposure, *etc.*
- (d) Town Morphology: Activity Zones, Sectors of Land Use, Linkages between Different Zones and Sectors
- (e) Economy: Economic Individuality of the Town, Production and Marketing Patterns, Spatial Differences in Occupation and Per Capita Income Characteristics *etc.*
- (f) Urban Waste and its Management: Types of Wastes Generated, Network of Drains, Efficiency of Waste Removal and Sewage Treatment, Peoples' Perception of Pollution Problems
- (g) Bibliography

5.3 Field Report is to be Hand-Written

5.4 Text of the Report should not Exceed 1,500 words

5.5 Maps and Diagrams Excluding Photo-Plates should not Exceed 15

6.0 LABORATORY NOTEBOOK AND VIVA-VOCE

[6+4 = 10]

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Part-III

PAPER-IV

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA AND ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Group-A (Theoretical)

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

Full Marks: 60

Examination Time: 3 Hours

Number of lectures to be delivered for each Unit: 20

1.0 PHYSICAL ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 1.1 Structure and Relief & their Interrelationship
- 1.2 Characteristics of River Systems of Peninsular and Extra-Peninsular India
- 1.3 Climatic Characteristics: Seasonality, Unevenness and Unreliability of Rainfall
- 1.4 Distribution of Natural Vegetation, Soil and their Interrelationship

2.0 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Distribution and Production of Principal Crops (Rice, Wheat, Cotton and Tea)
- 2.2 Power Resources: Coal, Petroleum and Hydroelectricity
- 2.3 Locational Factors and Growth of Iron and Steel and Aluminium Industries
- 2.4 Population Growth and Distribution, Population Problems, Trends of Urbanisation

3.0 REGIONAL ASPECTS

[20 MARKS]

- 3.1 Kashmir Himalaya
- 3.2 Deccan Trap
- 3.3 Bengal Delta
- 3.4 Marusthali

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PAPER-IV

GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA AND ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Group-B (Practical)

ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 40

Examination Time: 3 hours

Number of periods to be assigned for Unit 1 - 8; Unit 2 - 10

1.0 STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES

[15 MARKS]

- 1.1 Methods of Collection, Classification and Tabulation of Data
- 1.2 Frequency Distribution: Graphical Representation and Interpretation of Histogram, Frequency Polygon, Curves and Ogives
- 1.3 Measures of Central Tendency: Mean, Median and Mode
- 1.4 Simple Correlation: Scatter Diagram and Fitting of Trend-Line by Eye-Estimation

2.0 LABORATORY WORK

[20 MARKS]

- 2.1 Reading of Barometer, Hygrometer and Maximum and Minimum Thermometer
- 2.2 Determination of Soil Texture by Feel Method and Soil pH by Soil Kit
- 2.3 Measurement of Area by Graphical Method and Length by Rotameter
- 2.4 Megascopic Identification of Common Minerals and Rocks & their Characteristics: Quartz, Mica, Feldspar, Bauxite, Haematite, Granite, Basalt, Conglomerate, Sandstone, Shale, Gneiss, Schist, Phyllite and Marble

3.0 LABORATORY NOTEBOOK AND VIVA-VOCE

[3+2 = 5]

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Paper – IV: Geography of India and Analytical Techniques in Geography

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Section 4: Question Pattern

GENERAL COURSE

Theoretical Papers (Paper I, Paper II):

Full Marks: 100

Pattern of setting questions: In **SECTION A** which carries 16 marks, altogether 15 questions (**Short Answer Type**) each of 2 marks from 5 Units, having three questions from each Unit are to be set. 8 questions are to be answered, selecting at least one from each Unit. In **SECTION B** which carries 36 marks, question number 1 (**Short Type**) with an optional question shall be compulsory of 6 marks. 10 other questions (**Short Type**), each of 6 marks from 5 Units, having 2 questions from each Unit are to be set. Question number 1 and 5 other questions, selecting one from each Unit are to be answered. 6 marks shall have a break-up of either 4+2 or 4+1+1 or 5+1. In **SECTION C** which carries 48 marks, altogether 10 questions (**Broad Type**), each of 12 marks from 5 Units, having two questions from each Unit are to be set. 4 questions are to be answered; selecting one from four of the five Units. 12 marks shall have a break-up of 10+2.

Theoretical Paper (Paper IV, Group A):

Full Marks: 60

Pattern of setting questions: In **SECTION A** which carries 6 marks, altogether 6 questions (**Short Answer Type**) each of 2 marks from 3 Units, having two questions from each Unit are to be set. 3 questions are to be answered, selecting at least one from each Unit. In **SECTION B** which carries 18 marks, questions (**Short Type**), each of 6 marks from 3 Units, having 2 questions from each Unit are to be set. 3 questions, selecting one from each Unit are to be answered. 6 marks shall have a break-up of either 4+2 or 4+1+1 or 5+1. In **SECTION C** which carries 36 marks, altogether 6 questions (**Broad Type**), each of 12 marks from 3 Units, having two questions from each Unit are to be set. 3 questions are to be answered; selecting one from each Unit. 12 marks shall have a break-up of 10+2.

Practical Paper (Paper III):

Full Marks: 100

Pattern of setting questions: • *Units 1.0—4.0:* Four compulsory questions are to be set from each Unit; each Question is to have at least two parts. • *Unit 5:* Evaluation of Practical Notebook: 6 marks. Viva-voce: 4 marks.

Practical Paper (Paper IV, Group B):

Full Marks: 40

Pattern of setting questions: • *Units 1.0—4.0:* Two compulsory questions are to be set from each Unit; each Question is to have at least two parts. • *Unit 3:* Evaluation of Practical Notebook: 3 marks. Viva-voce: 2 marks.