

OPSC Civil Services Main Exam-2006 (Held in 2009)

Geography

Paper-II

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidate should attempt Q. No.1 form Section- A and Q. No. 5 form Section-B which are compulsory and three of the remaining questions, selecting at least one from each Section.

SECTION-A

1. Mark on the outline map of India supplied, any TEN of the following entries. Write brief notes (not exceeding 30 words) on the significant aspect of each entry:
60 marks

- a) Ranthambore
- b) Barren Island
- c) Amarkantak
- d) Kargil
- e) Sriharikota
- f) Dodabetta
- g) Panchmarhi
- h) Kalapakkam
- i) Perambur
- j) Birmitrapur
- k) Sethu Samudram

l) Santiniketan

2. "India's surface water resources are grossly underutilized". Discuss with reference to irrigation potentialities, problems and remedial measures for perspective planning in India.

3. What is SEZ/ What are the salient features, expected benefits and possible industrial effects of SEZs? Discuss the impact of FDI in Indian industrial economy and strategies to be adopted for socioeconomic well being of the country.

4. What is meant by Dedicated Freight Corridor? Name two such railway corridors in India. Explain the role of surface transport network in minimizing imbalances in resource distribution for comprehensive regional development in India.

SECTION-B

5. Answer any THREE of the following in about 200 words each:

a) Describe the basic criteria of delimiting Cultural Regions.

b) Discuss the major geographical concepts used in regional planning.

c) Explain the geographical basis of Indian federalism.

d) Throw light on the current population policies.

6. Underline the major characteristics of morphology of rural settlement.

7. Assess the growth trends of metropolitan regions of India.

8. Evaluate the major strategies taken in mitigation and management of disasters in India.
