

POST-GRADUATE COURSE

Term End Examination — December, 2014/June, 2015

GEOGRAPHY

Paper – VI B

( Historical and Political Geography )

Time : 2 Hours

Full Marks : 50

( Weightage of Marks : 80% )

*Special credit will be given for accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for incorrect spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.*

Section – A

Answer any *three* questions :  $10 \times 3 = 30$

1. Define Historical Geography. Differentiate Historical Geography from History. What are the different approaches to Historical Geography ?
2. What is meant by colonialism ? Assess the geopolitical implications of partition of India.
3. Write a brief note on impact of British Policy on industrialisation and urbanisation with particular reference to Eastern India.
4. Discuss the distinguishing features of Frontiers and Boundaries. Classify Boundaries.

5. Discuss the salient features of Heartland theory.
6. Assess the role of travel accounts and folk culture as source materials of Historical Geography.

Section – B

7. Answer any *five* questions :

$4 \times 5 = 20$

- a) What are Sixteen Mahajanapadas ?
- b) Define 'Pivot' area.
- c) Explain the significance of maps as source material of Historical Geography.
- d) What do you know about Al-Beruni ?
- e) Highlight the basis of reorganisation of states in India.
- f) What are the disadvantages of land-locked states ?
- g) Differentiate Political Geography from Geo-Politics.
- h) What is meant by 'economic bloc' ?
- i) Define 'State'.
- j) Mention the characteristics features of 'Buffer State'.