

POST-GRADUATE COURSE

Term End Examination — June, 2017

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. Establish the relationship between Historical Geography and History. What are the main approaches in the study of Historical Geography ?
2. What do you mean by source material of Historical Geography ? Briefly enumerate the significance of folk culture and religious texts as source material of Historical Geography of India.
3. In what any travel accounts form the basis of study of Historical Geography ? Give an outline of travel accounts written by Hiuen Tsang.

4. Differentiate Frontiers from Boundaries. Attempt a classification of boundaries.
5. Discuss briefly core-periphery concept and its significance in political geography. What do you know about core-periphery dichotomy ?
6. State the distinction between nation and state. Highlight the characteristic features of nationalism and nation-state.

Section – B

7. Answer any *five* questions : $4 \times 5 = 20$
 - a) What is Geopolitics ?
 - b) What do you know about Akbarnama ?
 - c) Enumerate the objectives of SAARC.
 - d) State the characteristic features of a divided nation.
 - e) Outline the functions of capital.
 - f) What is Buffer State ?
 - g) What is meant by land-locked state ? Give examples.
 - h) Define 'Pivot' area.
 - i) Distinguish between political geography and geopolitics.
 - j) What do you know about Al-beruni ?