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POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term End Examination — December, 2024

GEOGRAPHY

Paper-VIB : HISTORICAL & POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Time : 2 hours]

[Full Marks : 50

Weightage of Marks : 80%

Special credit will be 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 × 3 = 30

1. Why are trade accounts of Ancient India important in the study of Historical Geography ? Critically estimate the trade accounts of Ancient India as per Hiuen Tsang. 3 + 7
2. Account for the spread of urbanization during the Mughal period. State the factors of urbanization during the Mughal times. 7 + 3
3. Mention the significance of Gateway cities. Explain the role of ports in the development of transport network in India. 3 + 7
4. Describe the concept of Core and Periphery in Political Geography. Discuss the causes of partition of India. 5 + 3
5. Analyze the geostrategic model of Mackinder. State its merits and demerits. 7 + 3
6. Examine the process of organization of Indian states since Independence. What are the salient features of land-locked areas ? 7 + 3

Section - B

7. Answer any *five* questions : 4 × 5 = 20
- a) Briefly state the importance of 'source materials' in the field of Historical Geography.
 - b) What insights do the 'Janapadas' provide on Ancient India ?
 - c) Mention the key features of the Mughal agrarian system.
 - d) What are the foundations of the Colonial economy of India under the British Raj ?
 - e) State the salient features and role of Numismatics in Geography.
 - f) Distinguish between State and Nation.
 - g) Write in brief on the salient features of 'Boundary' in Political Geography.
 - h) Briefly state with examples why foreign trade is seen as an instrument of a country's policy.
 - i) Mention the basic principles of World Trade Organization.
 - j) Critically appraise the contribution of Ibn-Battuta in Historical Geography.
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