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POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term End Examination — December, 2024

GEOGRAPHY

Paper-VIIIA : URBAN GEOGRAPHY

(Special Paper - 2)

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. Write census definition of urban area in India. Discuss critically the Central Place theory. 2 + 8
2. Discuss how a town is related to its city region. Explain the concept of Megacity. 5 + 5
3. Explain the concept of rural-urban fringe distinguishing between conurbation and rural-urban fringe. Discuss functional classification of towns. 6 + 4
4. What do you mean by Urban decay ? Describe the characteristics of slums in India. Distinguish between Slum and Squatter settlement. 2 + 4 + 4
5. Identify major urban landuse characteristics. Critically explain the social area analysis as put forward by Shevky and Bell. 3 + 7
6. Mention the stages of urban development. Write an account of Third World Urbanization. 4 + 6

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Section - B

7. Answer any *five* questions : 4 × 5 = 20
- a) Define urban ecology.
 - b) Explain the Law of Primate city.
 - c) What is Megalopolis ? How does it differ from metropolitan city ?
 - d) Illustrate concentric zone model after Burgess.
 - e) Discuss the significance of suburbs.
 - f) What is a conurbation ? State its features.
 - g) Briefly state about factorial ecology in the context of urban geography.
 - h) State the salient features of residential segregation.
 - i) Discuss inner-city problems with example.
 - j) What you know about homelessness ? Where does a homeless person in case of that situation take refuge ?
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