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CLASS 11

Geography

Chapterwise Important Questions

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Read each chapter, attempt the questions, and support explanations with working or textbook evidence.

Choose a chapter or topic

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CHAPTER 1

Geography as a Discipline

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Explain how geography studies relationships between people and environments.
2. Compare physical and human geography.
3. Distinguish systematic and regional approaches.
4. Use one local issue to show how geography draws on evidence from several fields.

CHAPTER 2

The Origin and Evolution of the Earth

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Distinguish a scientific model from direct observation of Earth's earliest stages.
2. Describe the broad sequence of Earth's differentiation.
3. Explain how atmosphere and hydrosphere developed through changing conditions.
4. Why are multiple kinds of evidence used when reconstructing planetary history?

CHAPTER 3

Interior of the Earth

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Compare direct and indirect sources of evidence about Earth's interior.
2. Explain why seismic-wave behaviour helps identify internal layers.
3. Distinguish crust, mantle and core.
4. Describe the relationship between an earthquake's focus and epicentre.

CHAPTER 4

Distribution of Oceans and Continents

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Explain the evidence supporting continental drift.
2. Compare convergent, divergent and transform plate boundaries.
3. Describe how sea-floor spreading contributed to plate tectonics.
4. Why are earthquakes and volcanoes concentrated in particular belts?

CHAPTER 5

Geomorphic Processes

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Distinguish endogenic from exogenic processes.
2. Compare weathering with mass movement.
3. Explain how climate can influence weathering.
4. Describe how uplift and denudation interact in shaping relief.

CHAPTER 6

Landforms and Their Evolution

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Explain the formation of a river meander and an oxbow lake.
2. Compare erosional landforms produced by glaciers and rivers.
3. Describe the formation of a coastal depositional feature.
4. Why do different agents produce different landforms in different climatic settings?

CHAPTER 7

Composition and Structure of Atmosphere

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Describe the main gases and their atmospheric roles.
2. Explain why water vapour and dust matter to weather processes.
3. Compare the troposphere with the stratosphere.
4. How does the vertical structure of the atmosphere affect temperature patterns?

CHAPTER 8

Solar Radiation, Heat Balance and Temperature

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Explain the difference between incoming shortwave and outgoing longwave radiation.
2. Describe the planetary heat balance.
3. Why do latitude and surface characteristics affect temperature?
4. Compare temperature ranges in coastal and continental locations.

CHAPTER 9

Atmospheric Circulation and Weather Systems

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Explain the relationship among pressure gradient, friction and the Coriolis effect.
2. Describe the main global pressure belts.
3. Compare a tropical cyclone with a temperate cyclone.
4. Why do winds not move directly from high pressure to low pressure everywhere?

CHAPTER 10

Water in the Atmosphere

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Distinguish absolute humidity from relative humidity.
2. Explain how cooling can lead to condensation.
3. Compare convectional, orographic and frontal rainfall.
4. Describe why rising air often favours cloud formation.

CHAPTER 11

World Climate and Climate Change

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

Internal Assessment

1. Explain how temperature and precipitation jointly characterise a climate.
2. Compare two climatic regions using a climograph.
3. Distinguish natural climate variability from a long-term changing trend.
4. Design a presentation that separates measured evidence from unsupported claims.

CHAPTER 12

Water (Oceans)

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Describe the principal features of ocean-floor relief.
2. Explain factors influencing ocean temperature.
3. How do evaporation, rainfall and river inflow affect salinity?

4. Compare surface-water conditions near the equator and in high latitudes.

CHAPTER 13

Movements of Ocean Water

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

1. Distinguish waves, tides and currents.
2. Explain the gravitational basis of tides.
3. How can ocean currents affect coastal climate?
4. Describe how wind and Earth's rotation influence surface currents.

CHAPTER 14

Biodiversity and Conservation

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

Internal Assessment

1. Explain how biodiversity can be considered at several levels.
2. Discuss the relation between habitat diversity and species diversity.
3. Compare in situ and ex situ conservation.
4. Prepare an evidence-based local biodiversity survey without disturbing organisms.

CHAPTER 1

India – Location

India: Physical Environment

1. Explain the significance of India's latitude and longitude extent.
2. How does a standard meridian help coordinate time?

3. Discuss the importance of India's location in relation to surrounding seas.

4. Use an appropriate map to distinguish absolute location from relative location.

CHAPTER 2

Structure and Physiography

India: Physical Environment

1. Compare the Himalayan and Peninsular physiographic regions.

2. Explain how geological history influences present landforms.

3. Describe the main features of the northern plains.

4. Why should a physical region not be assumed to coincide exactly with a state boundary?

CHAPTER 3

Drainage System

India: Physical Environment

1. Compare Himalayan and Peninsular river systems.

2. Explain the difference between a drainage basin and a watershed.

3. How can relief and rock structure influence drainage patterns?

4. Describe a river-management issue that connects upstream and downstream areas.

CHAPTER 4

Climate

India: Physical Environment

1. Explain the principal controls of India's climate.
2. Describe the seasonal reversal associated with the monsoon.
3. Why does rainfall distribution vary greatly across India?
4. Discuss how climatic variation affects agriculture and everyday life.

CHAPTER 5

Natural Vegetation

India: Physical Environment

1. Explain how climate and relief affect vegetation patterns.
2. Compare tropical evergreen and tropical deciduous forests.
3. Describe the ecological importance of mangroves.
4. Why does conserving vegetation also involve protecting habitat conditions?

CHAPTER 6

Natural Hazards and Disasters

India: Physical Environment

Internal Assessment

1. Distinguish a natural hazard from a disaster.
2. Explain how exposure and vulnerability affect disaster impacts.
3. Propose preparedness measures for a flood-prone community.

4. Why should hazard maps be combined with information about people and infrastructure?

CHAPTER 1

Introduction to Maps

Practical Work in Geography Part I

Practical assessment

1. Distinguish a map, sketch and plan.
2. Explain the roles of symbols and a legend.
3. Compare large-scale and small-scale maps.
4. What information is lost when a complex landscape is represented at a very small scale?

CHAPTER 2

Map Scale

Practical Work in Geography Part I

Practical assessment

1. Convert a representative fraction of 1:50,000 into a statement scale.
2. Find ground distance when two points are 4 cm apart on a 1:25,000 map.
3. Compare a linear scale with a numerical scale.
4. Explain how reducing a map image affects its printed representative fraction.

CHAPTER 3

Latitude, Longitude and Time

Practical Work in Geography Part I

Practical assessment

1. Explain the difference between latitude and longitude.
2. Calculate local-time difference for a longitude difference of 30 degrees.
3. Why is the International Date Line needed?
4. Distinguish local solar time from standard time.

CHAPTER 4

Map Projections

Practical Work in Geography Part I

Practical assessment

1. Explain why projecting a spherical surface introduces distortion.
2. Compare the properties a projection may preserve.
3. Choose a projection purpose for a navigation map and explain the priority.
4. Why is there no single projection best for every map?

CHAPTER 5

Topographical Maps

Practical Work in Geography Part I

Practical assessment

1. Explain how contour spacing indicates slope.
2. Identify the meaning of a contour interval.
3. Describe how a river valley appears where contours cross a stream.

4. Use a topographical map's symbols to outline a settlement's relationship with transport.

CHAPTER 6

Introduction to Remote Sensing

Practical Work in Geography Part I

Practical assessment

1. Describe the components of a remote-sensing system.
2. Compare active and passive sensing.
3. Explain why different surfaces can produce different spectral responses.
4. How can satellite imagery complement field observation rather than replace it entirely?

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