

Half Yearly Examination 2025-26

Class - VIII

Subject - Geography

Time : 2.00 hrs.

Instructions : • You will not be allowed to write during 15 minutes. This time is for reading the question paper. • Answer to this question paper should be written on answer sheet provided.

- Map is to be supplied for the paper.

Section - A [50 Marks]

Q. 1. Project Work.

Q. 2. Choose the correct options.

- Which of these is not a settlement pattern ?
(a) Dendritic (b) Linear (c) Compact (d) Radial
- The Deccan Plateau of India is
(a) Thickly populated (b) Moderately populated (c) Sparsely populated (d) Desert
- The longest river in Asia is
(a) Lena (b) Chang Jiang (c) Tigris (d) Mekong
- Which of these countries is not in South Asia ?
(a) India (b) Japan (c) Bangladesh (d) Nepa
- The Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurred in the
(a) Gulf of Alaska (b) Gulf of Mexico (c) Persian Gulf (d) Gulf of Aden
- Bhopal Gas Tragedy occurred on ...
(a) 3rd December, 1985 (b) 3rd December, 1987 (c) 3rd December, 1984 (d) 13th December, 1984
- The satellite city developed near Kolkata is
(a) Navi Mumbai (b) HITECH City (c) Salt Lake City (d) Gurugram
- Number of persons living in a particular area is called :
(a) Population (b) Distribution of population (c) Density of Population (d) Overpopulation
- People in which age group are economically active ?
(a) 0-14 years (b) 15-59 years (c) 60-70 years (d) Above 70 years
- In an arbitrary grid system which corner of the toposheet is taken as the starting point:
(a) Top - left corner (b) Bottom - left corner (c) Top - right corner (d) Bottom - right corner

Q. 3. Fill in the blanks.

- The side view of the cut of a relief feature is _____.
- Census _____ is the last census conducted in India.
- _____ cultivation is practised in the thickly populated areas.
- Unemployment and poverty are the _____ factors for migration.
- The _____ searches and rescues people in times of disaster.

Q. 4. Name the following.

- Name the American bomber who dropped an atomic bomb over the city of Hiroshima.
- The place of origin of an earthquake.
- Name an active volcano in the Philippines.
- The deepest lake in Asia.
- The vertical grid lines drawn from North to South.
- The money that a migrant sends home.

Q. 5. Answer the following questions.

- (1) Mention two negative impacts of Urbanization.
- (2) Name the groups in which the countries of Asia are classified.
- (3) Define brain drain (4) Mention two uses of contour lines.
- (5) Write two characteristics of contours.

Q. 6. Identify the picture and answer the questions that follow. [04]

1. Identify the type of disaster and write about its main cause.
2. Mention two precautions that should be taken during this disaster.



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Q. 7. **Locate these in the Physical map of Asia.**

1. West Siberian Plain
2. Hindukush
3. Gobi desert
4. Lake Baikal
5. Plateau of Tibet
6. Himalayan Mountain Range
7. Caspian Sea
8. Korea strait
9. South China Sea
10. River Huang Ho

Section – B [30 Marks]

Q. 8. **Answer the following questions. [Do any four]**

[4x3=12]

- 1.(A) Name three Plateaus that lie to the south of the central highlands.
(B) Which plateau is also called Asia Minor?
2. Define disaster management.
- 3.(A) Name two megacities of the world.
(B) Name the ministry responsible for the implementation of the smart Cities Mission.
4. Distinguish between internal and external migration.
5. What is arbitrary grid system? Mention three features of arbitrary grid system.

Q. 9. **High Order Thinking Questions.**

[2x3=6]

1. During Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, millions of people migrated within India. Which type of migration was it? Why?
2. You are in the national planning committee. What plans will you make to stop brain drain?
3. Write any two possible impacts of ^{brain drain} on population composition.

Q. 10. **Assertion – reason type questions.**

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In the questions below, two statements are given. Tick the correct option.

1. Assertion (A) : Japan, Philippines and Indonesia experience frequent earthquakes.
Reason (R) : These countries have dormant and active Volcanoes.
(a) A is true, but R is false
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
(c) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
(d) A is false, but R is true.
2. Assertion (A) : urbanization and high rural to urban migration have overburdened the urban infrastructure.
Reason (R) : Satellite towns have no Central business district and are the dependent on the main cities.
(a) A is true but R is false
(b) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
(c) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A. (d) A is false but R is true.
3. Assertion (A) : Lack of livelihood opportunities and poverty trigger rural to urban migration.
Reason (R) : Proportion of dependent population and sex ratio decrease as a result of rural-urban migration.
(a) A is true but R is false
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
(d) A is false, but R is true.

Q. 11. **Write Short note. [Any three]**

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(1) Population density (2) Census

(3) Desert basin

(4) Hazard