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GEOGRAPHY

Paper : GGY-2086

***(Population Geography and Settlement
Geography)***

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

***The figures in the margin indicate
full marks for the questions.***

UNIT-I

(Population Geography)

*Answer **any two** questions carrying **16** marks
each and **two** questions carrying **8** marks each.*

1. Critically examine the evolution of Population geography as a distinct sub-field within Human Geography. Discuss its significance in understanding contemporary demographic challenges. 10+6=16

2. Compare and contrast the Malthusian theory of population growth with the Demographic Transition theory. How far are these theories applicable in explaining the population trends of the developing world today?
6+6+4=16
3. Discuss the nature and sources of population data used in demographic studies. How do issues of data reliability and spatial-temporal comparability challenges the use of such data in population analysis?
8+8=16
4. Examine the concept of population resource relationships. How do the concepts of over-population, underpopulation, and optimum population help in understanding population pressure across different regions?
6+10=16
5. Discuss the major problems associated with the collection and use of population data.
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6. Citing suitable examples highlight the major causes and consequences of international migration in the contemporary world. 8

7. Discuss the role of fertility and mortality in influencing population structures in developing countries. 8
8. How do variations in demographic and socio-economic characteristics between South Asia and Europe influence their population policy priorities ? 8

UNIT-II

(Settlement Geography)

*Answer **any one** question carrying **16** marks and **two** questions carrying **8** marks each.*

9. Define the field of Settlement Geography. Elaborate the role of different approaches in shaping its theoretical and applied dimensions over time. 8+8=16
10. Analyze the spatial patterns of rural and urban settlements. How do environmental, socio-economic, and historical factors contribute to variations in settlement distribution across different regions ? 8+8=16

11. Explain the role of distance-decay rule in influencing land use and socio-economic activities within a city? 8
12. With relevant examples differentiate between the morphological characteristics of rural and urban settlements. 8
13. Discuss the applicability of urban fringe concept in explaining the dynamic interaction between rural and urban space. 8
14. Write short notes on the following: *(any two)* $4 \times 2 = 8$
- (a) Concept of Centrality in Settlement Geography
 - (b) Primate city concept
 - (c) Functional Classification of Settlements
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