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PART-I (MCQS): MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES	PART-II MCQS	MAXIMUM MARKS = 80
NOTE: 1. First attempt PART-I (MCQs) on separate OMR Answer Sheet which shall be taken back after 30 minutes. 2. Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit. 3. There is no negative marking. All MCQs must be attempted.		



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PART-I (MCQs) COMPULSORY

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Q.1. (i) Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate Box ☐ on the OMR Answer Sheet. (20x1=20)
(ii) Answers given anywhere other than OMR Answer Sheet shall not be considered.

1. Ozone layer in the _____ protects us by blocking harmful ultraviolet radiation from space.
(A) Troposphere (B) Exosphere (C) Thermosphere (D) None of these
2. Solar radiation received by the Earth system, known as:
(A) Convection (B) Insolation (C) Radiation (D) None of these
3. The amount of _____ controls the duration of solar radiation.
(A) Daylight (B) Lunar light (C) Solar light (D) None of these
4. _____ is a process in which water vapor converts into liquid.
(A) Convection (B) Sublimation (C) Condensation (D) None of these
5. Geologists believe that many deformations in the earth's crust occur due to:
(A) Tectonic forces (B) Seismic force (C) Convection force (D) None of these
6. A mass of solid rock that has not been weathered is called:
(A) Regolith (B) Bedrock (C) Solid rock (D) None of these
7. _____ is a place where any element of culture originates.
(A) Cultural hearth (B) Core (C) Cultural Realm (D) None of these
8. Shifting cultivation is a form of _____, which involves a kind of natural rotation system.
(A) Commercial farming (B) Dairy farming (C) Subsistence farming (D) None of these
9. A labor market characterized by freelance work is known as:
(A) Mixed economy (B) Market economy (C) Free Labor Economy (D) None of these
10. According to the _____ rule, the second largest city is one-half the size of the largest city.
(A) Rank-size (B) Primacy (C) Logistic (D) None of these
11. In the North American cities, the Central Business District is commonly called:
(A) City Centre (B) Commercial centre (C) Shanty town (D) None of these
12. In the Concentric Zones model, urban land is organized in rings around:
(A) Sectors (B) CBD (C) Core (D) None of these
13. When an unsaturated parcel of air is cooled, the air will be saturated due to decreasing temperature, known as:
(A) Dew point temperature (B) Adiabatic temperature (C) Katabatic temperature (D) None of these.
14. _____ are high-pressure systems in which atmospheric pressure decreases toward the outer limits of the system.
(A) Tornado (B) Anticyclone (C) Cyclone (D) None of these
15. A soil sample that is 20% silt, 30% clay, and 50% sand is referred to as:
(A) Sandy loamy soil (B) Loamy soil (C) Sandy-silty-clay soil (D) None of these.
16. _____ is an area of externally forced ethnic or racial separation.
(A) An Enclave (B) A Ghetto (C) Forced territory (D) None of these
17. Pastoralism is a _____ activity that involves the breeding and herding of animals to fulfill the need for food, clothing, and shelter.
(A) Subsistence (B) Commercial (C) Dairy farming (D) None of these
18. _____ is a form of commercial agriculture in which livestock graze over an extensive area.
(A) Animals grazing (B) Market gardening (C) Ranching (D) None of these
19. A language used to make communication possible between people who do not share a native language, is called:
(A) Pidgin (B) Tautonymy (C) Lingua Franca (D) None of these
20. There are two main components of _____ the children and aged population.
(A) Dependency ratio (B) Children-Aged Ratio (C) Dependency ratio (D) None of these

NOTE:

- i. **Part-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
- ii. Attempt **ALL** questions from **Part-II**.
- iii. All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
- iv. Write **Q.NO** in the **Answer Book** in according with **Q.No** in the **Q.Paper**.
- v. **No Page/Space** be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of **Answer Book** must be crossed.
- vi. Extra attempt of any question or any part of the question will not be considered.

SECTION – I

Q2. Which landscape features indicate that a region is undergoing periglacial processes? What are glacial advances and retreats, and what is their relationship to the glacial state of equilibrium?

Q3. What factors affect the discharge of a stream? How did changes in sea level during the Pleistocene cause the formation of stream terraces?

Q4. What factors are involved in the formation of soil? Describe various ways in which temperature and precipitation are related to soil formation. How does chernozem soil differ from podzol soil?

Q5. What is the relationship between ocean currents and global surface wind systems? How does the gyre in the Northern Hemisphere differ from the one in the Southern Hemisphere?

SECTION – II

Q6. What is suburban sprawl? Discuss the causes of suburban sprawl. How is the smart growth concept of a compact city the solution to suburban sprawl?

Q7. How is the form of rural settlements in Pakistan different from the United States? Discuss the structure of the Karal settlement of Africa.

Q8. What is tourism? Describe the main types of international tourism and their global patterns. How does international tourism contribute to the economy of countries?

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PART – II

- NOTE:** (i) Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.
(ii) Attempt **ONLY FOUR** questions from PART-II by selecting **TWO** questions from **EACH SECTION**. ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
(iii) All the parts (if any) of each Question must be attempted at one place instead of at different places.
(iv) Write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q.Paper.
(v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
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SECTION – I



- Q. No. 2. ✓ Which landscape features indicate that a region is undergoing periglacial processes? What are glacial advance and retreat, and what is their relationship to the glacial state of equilibrium? (20)
- Q. No. 3. What factors affect the discharge of a stream? How did changes in sea level during the Pleistocene cause the formation of stream terraces? (20)
- Q. No. 4. ✓ What factors are involved in the formation of soil? Describe various ways in which temperature and precipitation are related to soil formation. How does chernozem soil differ from podzol soil? (20)
- Q. No. 5. ✓ What is the relationship between ocean currents and global surface wind systems? How does the gyre in the Northern Hemisphere differ from the one in the Southern Hemisphere? (20)

SECTION – II

- Q. No. 6. What is suburban sprawl? Discuss the causes of suburban sprawl. How is the smart growth concept of a compact city the solution to suburban sprawl? (20)
- Q. No. 7. ✓ How is the form of rural settlements in Pakistan different from the United States? Discuss the structure of the Karal settlement of Africa. (20)
- Q. No. 8. ✓ What is tourism? Describe the main types of international tourism and their global patterns. How does international tourism contribute to the economy of countries? (20)
