

2018
GEOGRAPHY
GGY-303
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
Full Marks: 80
Time: 3 Hours

The figures in the margin indicates full marks for the questions :

1. Multiple choice questions (Answer all) 1x10=10
- i. Who wrote the book 'the Principles of Sociology' in 1896?
- (a) Herbert Spencer (b) Charles Darwin
(c) E. C. Semple (d) Radcliff-Brown
- ii. What is mean by mode of production according to Wallerstein?
- (a) Organization of material basis of society
(b) The way in which production task are divided up
(c) Decisions concerning the quantities of good to be produced, accumulated and distribution
(d) All of the above
- iii. What is the term used by Ratzel to deliberate regarding the space for expansion needed by competing nation?
- (a) Lebensraum (b) Relative space
(c) Geographical Pivot (d) Pivot area
- iv. Which statement about culture is true?
- (a) Culture is learned behavior that is passed from one generation to the next.
(b) Cultures are dynamic and always changing.

- (c) Cultural traits are a reflection of group's value.
 (d) All of the above
- v. **Which of the following is not an aspect of nation building?**
 (a) Progressive development of political communities
 (b) Social communication
 (c) Erosion of social commitments
 (d) Personal political benefits
- vi. **Which among them is the casual factor of social differentiation?**
 (a) Possession (b) Quality
 (c) Performance (d) All of the above
- vii. **Which of the following is not an element of social structure as given by H. M. Johnson?**
 (a) Sub-groups (b) Regulative norms and cultural values
 (c) Social role (d) Behavior of an individual
- viii. **Cooley has classified social groups into different categories on the basis of:**
 (a) Sympathetic and categorical contact (c) Obligatory norms
 (c) Categorical Contact only (d) Mutual understanding
- ix. **Ethnocentrism is:**
 (a) the fear of outsiders.
 (b) the belief that Westerners are inferior to African and Asian cultures.
 (c) the belief that one's own religion is inferior to other.
 (d) the belief that one's own ethnic group is superior to other.
- x. **This is the process by which a less dominant culture adopts the traits of more dominant culture so completely that the two culture become indistinguishable.**
 (a) Cultural assimilation (b) Acculturation
 (c) Syncretism (d) Migrant diffusion

- 2 Answer in brief (any four) 2x4=8**
- i. What is the basic difference between political geography and geopolitics?
 ii. What are the basic premises of pluralist theory of state?
 iii. What is the basic difference between a community and an association?
 iv. What is the difference between subjective and objective social space?
 v. What is the basic difference between social diversity and social plurality?
 vi. What do you mean by political ecology?
 vii. What are the different facets of culture?
 viii. What do you mean by formal cultural region?
- 3 Answer in brief (any four) 5x4=20**
- i. Elaborate the concept of Social Darwinism as given by Herbert Spencer?
 ii. Functional Approach to political geography deals with internal function of a state. What are the main internal functions of a state that a geographer deals with?
 iii. What are the basic elements of World Economy and World System according to Wallerstein?
 iv. What are the salient features of socio-spatial inequalities which create different access to social rewards?
 v. What are the different elements of social structure according to H. M. Johnson?
 vi. Elaborate the concept of social wellbeing and exemplify some special components to measure the quality of social life?
 vii. Write a short note regarding the present day relevance of rimland theory.
 viii. What are the various laws of organic state as given by Freidrich Ratzel.

4 Answer in brief (any two)

9x2=18

- i. What are the scope and methods to political geography according to Wittlesey's law-landscape school? Identify its area of study and approaches (goals, agents, process and effects)?
- ii. What are the different stages of growth of a frontier?
- iii. Classify and explain the characteristics of various social groups as given by Charles Horton Cooley.
- iv. What do you mean by cultural ecology? How culture can modify a natural landscape? Why cultural integration can be considered as catalyst to social change? **3+3+3**
- v. Illustrate with example the three causal factors of social differentiation as given by Talcott Parsons.

5 Answer in brief (any two)

12x2=24

- i. Critically examine the theory of heartland as given by Halford Mackinder.
- ii. Differentiate between the marxist theory of nationalism and nationalism on the basis of core and periphery.
- iii. What are the various field of enquiry in social geography? How socio-geographical approach to look at society is different from sociology and social anthropology? **3+9**
- iv. What do you mean by cultural diffusion? What are the various types of cultural diffusion process? What are the barriers of cultural diffusion? **2+5+5**
