

2017

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER : GGY 303

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

FULL MARKS:80

Time :3 hours

{ The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the question. }

1. Multiple choice questions (Answer all) 1x10=10
- i) Who introduced the phrase "survival of the fittest", translated the biological competition among the species into competition among human societies?
- (a) Herbert Spencer (b) Alfred Wallace
(c) Charles Darwin (d) Albert Schaffle
- ii) Who is recognized as the "father of modern political geography"?
- (a) Halford Mackinder (b) Friederich Ratzel
(c) Spikeman (d) Alexander Von Humboldt
- iii) The process of human occupation of a region gave it, in causal sequence, continuity, solidarity, interaction, loyalty and nationality which Rudolf Kjellan termed as
- (a) Geopolitical instinct (b) Labensraum
(c) Organic State (d) Heratland
- iv) Which of the following is not a process of nation building?
- (a) Progressive development of political communities
(b) Social Communication
(c) Erosion of social Commitments (d) Political Benefits
- v) Which among them is the artifact of culture?
- (a) Language (b) Religion (c) Dress (d) Festivals
- vi) Match the following:
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| (a) Bihu | 1. Mentifact |
| (b) Cloth | 2. Sociofact |
| (c) Islam | 3. Both Artifact and Mentifact |
| (d) Sikh Turban | 4. Artifact |
- vii) A culture is an organized group of learned responses characteristics of a particular society. Who said this phrase?
- (a) Lalph Linton (b) Herbert Spencer

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- (c) Albert Schaffle (d) Carl Ritter
- viii) Which among them is the characteristic of a society?
- (a) Mode of behavior which marked them from other
(b) Sum of formal relations in which associating individuals are bound together
(c) Complex of organized institutions
(d) All of the above
- ix) Which among them is not the factor behind social bond of group life?
- (a) Recognition of similarities (b) Desire for sexes and progeny
(c) Cultural affinity and geographical locality
(d) Means to satisfy personal needs
- x) Social Stratification denotes the process in which
- (a) Layers of persons are ranked differently
(b) Persons or groups are approved according to their prestige
(c) Ability of the people are scrutinized
(d) None of the above

2. Answer in brief (any four) 2X4=8

- i) What is meant by organic state?
ii) What is the difference between border and frontier?
iii) Write some characteristics of a core state?
iv) What is the difference between a community and a society?
v) Write the difference between personal space and social space.
vi) What are the elements of social action?

3. Answer in brief (any four) 5X4=20

- i) Political geography differs from geopolitics not in scope but in approaches. Elaborate it with specific example.
ii) Explain with example the function of a buffer zone.
iii) What are the Ratzel's laws of organic state?
iv) What are the differences between cultural region and cultural landscape?
v) Social structure is the body of principles underlying social relations rather than their actual content. Elaborate the concept with help of principle elements of the social structure.
vi) Write a short note on prevailing social inequalities in India.

4. Answer in detail (any Two) 9X2=18

- i) Explain the concept of colonialism in global context? How it differs from neocolonialism and other forms of governance?
ii) Differentiate between nation, state and territory. What are the functions of boundary of a state?
iii) What are the principles behind social differentiation and social stratification?
iv) What do you mean by ethnicity? How ethnic groups define their boundary? What are the criteria of ethnic membership?

5. Answer in Detail (Any two) 12x2=24

- i) Elaborate the concept of pivot area, heartland and rimland with the help of appropriate diagram. Are Heartland and Rimland theories relevant in today's world order?
ii) Describe in detail the functional approach of study in political geography.
iii) What do you mean by cultural diffusion? Explain how diffusion of language helps in cultural integration? What are the barriers of cultural diffusion?
iv) What do you mean by social well-being? How the socio-economic diversity influence the social well-being of an area?
