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GEOGRAPHY

(Major)

Paper : GGY0600304

(Urban Geography)

Full Marks : 45

Time : 2 hours

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

1. Answer the following questions objectively : 1×5=5

(a) In which year was the sector model of urban structure formulated?

(b) Give one example of a mining town in Assam.

(c) Who gave the concept of umland?

(d) When was Smart Cities Mission launched in India?

(e) According to 2011 census, which State recorded the highest level of urbanization in India?

2. Answer the following questions in brief (any *five*) : 2×5=10

(a) Define urban fringe.

(b) Differentiate between satellite town and new town.

(c) Mention the basis of G. Taylor's classification of towns.

(d) What is urban sprawl?

(e) Mention two objectives of AMRUT programme.

(f) What are the components of urban population growth?

(g) Mention two emerging urban issues of Guwahati city.

(h) Write two causes of rising urban crime in Indian cities.

(i) Mention two characteristics of urban morphology.

(j) Why is traffic congestion considered a major urban problem?

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3. Answer any *four* questions from the following in short : 5×4=20

(a) Briefly explain the scope of urban geography.

(b) Differentiate between the patterns of urbanization in the developed and developing countries.

(c) Explain the major housing problems in Indian cities.

(d) Briefly explain the concept of rural-urban dichotomy.

(e) Explain the concept of city region and highlight its importance in contemporary urban studies. 2+3=5

(f) Describe the characteristics of a smart city.

(g) Briefly explain the emerging urban issues in Delhi NCR.

(h) Explain the origin and growth of towns in global context.

4. Answer any *one* question from the following : 10

(a) Describe the major approaches and recent trends in urban geography with suitable examples. 6+4=10

(b) Discuss the multiple nuclei theory of Harris and Ullman and evaluate its relevance in the present-day context. 8+2=10

(c) Explain the major national urban development policies and programmes in India.

(d) Critically examine the solid waste management system in urban areas and suggest remedial strategies. 7+3=10

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