

UPSC Mains 2025 Aug 31, 2025 Geography (Paper 2) Question Paper and Answer Key PDF

Q. No.	Question	Check Solution
Q1 (A)	On the outline map of India provided to you, mark the location of all of the following. Write in your QCA Booklet the significance of these locations, whether physical/commercial/economic/ecological/environmental/cultural, in not more than 30 words for each entry: (i) Rushikulya River (ii) Datar Hill (iii) Kikrumba (iv) Choritand Tillaya (v) Byalalu (vi) Neyyar (vii) Uttarlai (viii) Sri Vijayapuram (ix) Dharwas (x) Gitabitan	Check Solution
Q1 (B)	Referring to the location and physical formation of karewas, highlight their economic significance.	Check Solution
Q1 (C)	How does Himalayan ecosystem regulate the cropping pattern and agricultural activities in Himalayan region of India? Discuss.	Check Solution
Q1 (D)	Write a critically argued essay on nautical tourism and its infrastructure in India.	Check Solution
Q2 (A)	Explain the factors which contribute to the growth of India's pharmaceutical industry with specific reference to its concentration in western region of India.	Check Solution
Q2 (B)	Why are coral reefs in India most important with respect to its dynamic ecosystem? Explore.	Check Solution
Q2 (C)	How does the agricultural sector of India confront with the contemporary physical and politico-economic changes in the different regions of the country? Elucidate.	Check Solution
Q3 (A)	Why is the pattern of population distribution of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes different in India? Compare their socio-economic problems with examples.	Check Solution
Q3 (B)	Highlight the characteristics of land utilisation in Eastern Ghats region of India. What are the recent threats to land utilisation method in the region?	Check Solution
Q3 (C)	What are the challenges of dairy sector in India? Describe the contribution of bovine population.	Check Solution
Q4 (A)	"Socio-political landscape in India is a result of regional consciousness creating inter-state disputes." Discuss with region specific examples.	Check Solution
Q4 (B)	Why cottage industries in India are an integral part of Indian socio-economic structure? Assess this with reference to different types of cottage industries in rural India.	Check Solution
Q4 (C)	"The rural settlements in India are highly diversified due to both physical and cultural factors." Justify the statement with examples.	Check Solution
Q5 (A)	How can rural-urban fringe be delineated? Explain with suitable examples from India.	Check Solution
Q5 (B)	"Spatial distribution of religious groups in India does not show any specific pattern." Illustrate with arguments.	Check Solution
Q5 (C)	"Watershed is the most appropriate spatial unit for planning." Comment.	Check Solution

Q5 (D)	Is North East India a geo-political or geo-cultural region? Justify your answer.	Check Solution
Q5 (E)	Discuss the necessary conditions for the cultivation of fox nuts and describe the areas of its production in India.	Check Solution
Q6 (A)	Describe the causes of the phenomenon of 'urban heat island'. What are the effective measures to deal with this phenomenon in India?	Check Solution
Q6 (B)	With reference to the transport and communication network of India, critically discuss the Sagarmala project.	Check Solution
Q6 (C)	What are the key features of sex-ratio of population in India ? Evaluate the impacts of child sex-ratio on general sex-ratio in the country.	Check Solution
Q7 (A)	Explain the factors that contribute to droughts in India with specific reference to food production, distribution and availability. Can Indian agricultural policies resolve the issue?	Check Solution
Q7 (B)	What are the causes and consequences of land degradation due to desertification in India? Examine with reference to various regional issues.	Check Solution
Q7 (C)	Examine the validity of Blue Economy initiatives of India. Elaborate the impacts of this economy on country's development.	Check Solution
Q8 (A)	While defining the green architecture, discuss its principles and challenges in response to climate change in India.	Check Solution
Q8 (B)	With reference to typical examples, assess why regional planning in India is important for island territories for their sustainable development.	Check Solution
Q8 (C)	With reference to international boundaries of India, discuss the related issues, giving suitable examples.	Check Solution