



## CLASS X

There will be **one** paper of **two** hours duration carrying 80 marks and Internal Assessment of 20 marks.

The Paper will consist of **two** parts, Part I and Part II.

**Part I** (compulsory) will consist of **two** questions. Question 1 will be based on **Topographical Map**. Question 2 will be based on outline **Map of India**.

**Part II:** Candidates will be expected to answer any **five** questions.

Candidates will be expected to make the fullest use of sketches, diagrams, graphs and charts in their answers.

Questions set may require answers involving the interpretation of photographs of geographical interest.

### PART – I MAP WORK

#### 1. Interpretation of Topographical Maps

- Locating features with the help of a four figure or a six-figure grid reference.
- Definition of contour and contour interval. Identification of landforms marked by contours (steep slope, gentle slope, hill, valley, ridge / water divide, escarpment), triangulated height, spot height, bench mark, relative height/ depth.
- Interpretation of colour tints and conventional symbols used on a topographical survey of India map.
- Identification and definition of types of scale given on the map.  
*Measuring distances and calculating area using the scale given therein.*
- Marking directions between different locations, using eight cardinal points.
- Identify: Site of prominent villages and/or towns, types of land use / land cover and means of communication with the help of the index given at the bottom of the sheet.
- Identification of drainage (direction of flow and pattern) and settlement patterns.
- Identification of natural and man-made features.

#### 2. Map of India

On an outline map of India, candidates will be required to locate, mark and name the following:

**Mountains, Peaks and Plateaus:** Himalayas, Karakoram, Aravali, Vindhya, Satpura, Western and Eastern Ghats, Nilgiris, Garo, Khasi, Jaintia, Mount Godwin Austin (K2), Mount Kanchenjunga. Deccan Plateau, Chota Nagpur Plateau.

**Plains:** Gangetic Plains and Coastal plains – (Konkan, Kanara, Malabar, Coromandel, Northern Circars).

**Desert:** Thar (The Great Indian Desert)

**Rivers:** Indus, Ravi, Beas, Chenab, Jhelum, Satluj, Ganga, Yamuna, Ghaghra, Gomti, Gandak, Kosi, Chambal, Betwa, Son, Damodar, Brahmaputra, Narmada, Tapi, Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Cauveri, Tungabhadra.

**Water Bodies :** Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Khambhat, Gulf of Mannar, Palk Strait, Andaman Sea, Chilka Lake, Wular Lake.

**Passes:** Karakoram, Nathu-La Passes.

**Latitude and Longitudes:** Tropic of Cancer, Standard Meridian (82 ° 30'E).

**Direction of Winds:** South West Monsoons (Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal Branches), North East Monsoons and Western Disturbances.

**Distribution of Minerals:** Oil - Mumbai High (Offshore Oil Field) and Digboi. Iron – Singhbhum, Coal – Jharia.

**Soil Distribution** – Alluvial, Laterite, Black and Red Soil.

**Cities** - Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kochi, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Vishakhapatnam, Allahabad.

**Population** - Distribution of Population (Dense and sparse).





## **PART - II**

### **GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA**

#### **3. Location, Extent and Physical features**

- *Position and Extent of India. (through Map only)*
- *The physical features of India – mountains, plateaus, plains and rivers. (through Map only)*

#### **4. Climate**

*Distribution of Temperature, Rainfall, winds in Summer and Winter and factors affecting the climate of the area. Monsoon and its mechanism. Seasons – March to May – Summer; June to September – Monsoon; October to November – Retreating Monsoon. December to February – Winter.*

#### **5. Soil Resources**

- *Types of soil (alluvial, black, red and laterite) distribution, composition and characteristics such as colour, texture, minerals and crops associated.*
- *Soil Erosion – causes, prevention and conservation.*

#### **6. Natural Vegetation**

- *Importance of forests.*
- *Types of vegetation (tropical evergreen, tropical deciduous, tropical desert, littoral and mountain), distribution and correlation with their environment.*
- *Forest conservation.*

#### **7. Water Resources**

- *Sources (Surface water and ground water).*
- *Need for conservation and conservation practices (Rain water harvesting and its importance).*
- *Irrigation: Importance and methods.*

#### **8. Mineral and Energy Resources**

- *Iron ore, Manganese, Copper, Bauxite – uses and their distribution.*
- *Conventional Sources: Coal, Petroleum, Natural gas (distribution, advantages and disadvantages).*

- *Hydel power (Bhakra Nangal Dam and Hirakud).*
- *Non-conventional Sources: Solar, wind, tidal, geo-thermal, nuclear and bio-gas (generation and advantages).*

#### **9. Agriculture**

- *Indian Agriculture – importance, problems and reforms.*
- *Types of farming in India: subsistence and commercial: shifting, intensive, extensive, plantation and mixed.*
- *Agricultural seasons (rabi, kharif, zayad).*
- *Climatic conditions, soil requirements, methods of cultivation, processing and distribution of the following crops:*
  - *rice, wheat, millets and pulses.*
  - *sugarcane, oilseeds (groundnut, mustard and soya bean).*
  - *cotton, jute, tea and coffee.*

#### **10. Manufacturing Industries**

*Importance and classification*

- *Agro based Industry - Sugar, Textile (Cotton and Silk).*
- *Mineral based Industry – Iron & Steel (TISCO, Bhilai, Rourkela, Vishakhapatnam) Petro Chemical and Electronics.*

#### **11. Transport**

*Importance and Modes – Roadways, Railways, Airways and Waterways – Advantages and disadvantages.*

#### **12. Waste Management**

- *Impact of waste accumulation - spoilage of landscape, pollution, health hazards, effect on terrestrial, aquatic (fresh water and marine) life.*
- *Need for waste management.*
- *Methods of safe disposal - segregation, dumping and composting.*
- *Need and methods for reducing, reusing and recycling waste.*





## INTERNAL ASSESSMENT PRACTICAL / PROJECT WORK

Candidates will be required to prepare a project report on any **one** topic. The topics for assignments may be selected from the list of suggested assignments given below. Candidates can also take up an assignment of their choice under any of the broad areas given below.

### Suggested list of assignments:

1. Local Geography:
  - (a) Land use pattern in different regions of India—a comparative analysis.
  - (b) The survey of a local market on the types of shops and services offered.
2. Environment:  
Wildlife conservation efforts in India.
3. Current Geographical Issues:  
Development of tourism in India.
4. Transport in India:  
Development of Road, Rail, Water and Air routes.
5. List different type of industries in the States and collect information about the types of raw materials used, modes of their procurement and disposal of wastes generated. Classify these industries as polluting or environment friendly and suggest possible ways of reducing pollution caused by these units.

6. Need for industrialization in India, the latest trends and its impact on economy of India.
7. Visit a water treatment plant, sewage treatment plant or garbage dumping or vermicomposting sites in the locality and study their working.

## EVALUATION

The assignments/project work is to be evaluated by the subject teacher and by an External Examiner. (The External Examiner may be a teacher nominated by the Head of the school, who could be from the faculty, **but not teaching the subject in the section/class**. For example, a teacher of Geography of Class VIII may be deputed to be an External Examiner for Class X, Geography projects.)

The Internal Examiner and the External Examiner will assess the assignments independently.

### Award of Marks (20 Marks)

Subject Teacher (Internal Examiner)	10 marks
External Examiner	10 marks

The total marks obtained out of 20 are to be sent to the Council by the Head of the school.

The Head of the school will be responsible for the online entry of marks on the Council's CAREERS portal by the due date.