

**Marking Scheme**  
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**Senior Secondary School Examination, 2026**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION**  
**SUBJECT NAME GEOGRAPHY (Q.P. CODE 64/5/3)**

**General Instructions: -**

<b>1</b>	The CBSE has decided to introduce On Screen Marking (OSM) for the evaluation of Class XII answer Book with the 2026 Examination.
<b>2</b>	You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully.
<b>3</b>	<b>“Evaluation policy is a confidential policy as it is related to the confidentiality of the examinations conducted, evaluation done and several other aspects. Its leakage to public in any manner could lead to derailment of the examination system and affect the life and future of millions of candidates. Sharing this policy/document to anyone, publishing in any magazine and printing in Newspaper/Website, etc. may invite action under various rules of the Board and IPC.”</b>
<b>4</b>	Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one's own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. <b>However, while evaluating, answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative, they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and due marks be awarded to them. In Class-XII, while evaluating two competency-based questions, please try to understand given answer and even if reply is not from marking scheme but correct competency is enumerated by the candidate, due marks should be awarded.</b>
<b>5</b>	The Marking scheme carries only suggested value points for the answers. These are in the nature of Guidelines only and do not constitute the complete answer. The students can have their own expression and if the expression is correct, the due marks should be awarded accordingly.
<b>6</b>	The Head-Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. If there is any variation, the same should be zero after deliberation and discussion. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
<b>7</b>	Evaluators will mark ( ✓ ) wherever answer is correct. For wrong answer CROSS 'X' be marked. Evaluators will not put right (✓) while evaluating which gives an impression that answer is correct and no marks are awarded. <b>This is most common mistake which evaluators are committing.</b>
<b>8</b>	If a question has parts, please award marks on the right-hand side for each part in the OSM Portal. Marks awarded for different parts of the question will be totaled up by the OSM System.
<b>9</b>	If a question does not have any parts, marks must be awarded in the left-hand margin in the OSM Portal. This may also be followed strictly.
<b>10</b>	No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.

11	A full scale of marks _____70_____ (example 0 to 80/70/60/50/40/30 marks as given in Question Paper) has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
12	Every examiner has to necessarily do evaluation work for full working hours i.e., 8 hours every day and evaluate 20 answer books per day in main subjects and 25 answer books per day in other subjects (Details are given in Spot Guidelines). This is in view of the reduced syllabus and number of questions in question paper.
13	Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded. (Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly and clearly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.)</li> <li>• Half or a part of answer marked correct and the rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.</li> </ul>
14	While evaluating the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as cross (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
15	The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the <b>"Guidelines for Spot Evaluation"</b> before starting the actual evaluation.
16	The candidates are entitled to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request on payment of the prescribed processing fee. All Examiners/Additional Head Examiners/Head Examiners are once again reminded that they must ensure that evaluation is carried out strictly as per value points for each answer as given in the Marking Scheme.
17	<b>If a candidate attempts both alternatives/options in a question where only one option/ alternative is required to be attempted, the Evaluator shall award marks in both the options. The system will take the higher of two scores and disregard the other response.</b>
18	<b>In a question having two options/alternatives, if a candidate has attempted only one, then the evaluator shall mark "NA" (Not attempted) against the option that has not been attempted by the candidate.</b>

**MARKING SCHEME**  
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**QUESTION PAPER CODE- (64/5/3)**

**SET-3**

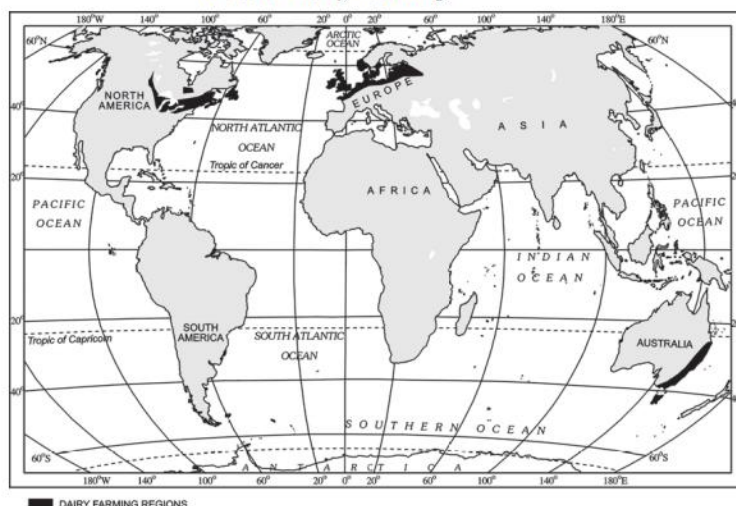
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<b>Q No</b>	<b>EXPECTED ANSWERS/VALUE POINTS</b>	<b>Page no in TB</b>	<b>Distribution of marks</b>
	<b>SECTION -A</b> <b>Question no. 1-17 are MCQs</b>		<b>17x1=17</b>
1.	(C) Both (A) and (R) are correct and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).	<b>Pg 50 T.B I</b>	<b>1</b>
2	(B) International Labour Organisation	<b>Pg 17  T.B. I</b>	<b>1</b>
3	(C) (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect	<b>Pg 33  T.B. I</b>	<b>1</b>
4	(A) Such countries invest more in social sector	<b>Pg 19  T.B 1</b>	<b>1</b>
5	( D) Only I,III and IV are correct	<b>Pg 13  T.B.1</b>	<b>1</b>
6	( A) Accessibility by road network	<b>Pg 38  T.B. I</b>	<b>1</b>
7	(B) Only I.II and IV	<b>Pg 47  T.B.I</b>	<b>1</b>
8	(D) Quinary sector	<b>Pg 51  T.B. I</b>	<b>1</b>
9	( B) a- iii , b-i, c-iv , d- ii	<b>Pg 79  T.B. II</b>	<b>1</b>

10	(A) Srinagar and Kanniyakumari	Pg 77 T.B. II	1																				
11	(D) Kerala	Pg 80 T.B. II	1																				
12	(B) Amritsar and Kolkata	Pg 76 T.B. II	1																				
13	(B) Urban Renewal Mission	Pg 103 T.B.II	1																				
14	( A) Bhil- Jhabua district	Pg 104 T.B. II	1																				
	<p>Study the following table carefully and answer the question nos. 15 to 17 :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Direction of India's Import Trade (in ₹ crore)</b></p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Region</th><th colspan="2">Imports</th></tr><tr><th>2010 – 11</th><th>2016 – 17</th></tr><tr><td>Europe</td><td>323857</td><td>403972</td></tr><tr><td>Africa</td><td>118612</td><td>193327</td></tr><tr><td>North America</td><td>100602</td><td>195332</td></tr><tr><td>Latin America</td><td>64576</td><td>115762</td></tr><tr><td>Asia and ASEAN</td><td>1029881</td><td>1544520</td></tr></table>	Region	Imports		2010 – 11	2016 – 17	Europe	323857	403972	Africa	118612	193327	North America	100602	195332	Latin America	64576	115762	Asia and ASEAN	1029881	1544520	Pg 89 T.B. II	
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15	<p>Between 2010 – 11 and 2016 – 17, which one of the following regions had the lowest difference in imports ?</p> <p>( D) Latin America</p>		1																				
16	<p>Which one of the following shows the correct increase in imports with Africa between 2010 – 11 and 2016 – 17 ?</p> <p>( A) Rs 74,715 crore</p>		1																				
17	<p>Arrange the following regions of the world from the lowest to the highest order on the bases of imports during 2016 – 17 and choose the correct option :</p> <p>( C) IV, II, III , I</p>		1																				

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECTION B</b></p> <p>Question nos 18 and 19 are Source- based Questions</p>		2x3=6
18	<p>Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Water Pollution</b></p> <p>Various types of chemicals used in modern agriculture such as inorganic fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides are pollution generating components. These chemicals are washed down to rivers, lakes and tanks. These chemicals also infiltrate the soil to reach the ground water. Fertiliser induces an increase in the nitrate content of surface waters. Manufacturing and improper domestic waste disposal also cause water pollution in India.</p> <p><b>(18.1) Explain the role of agricultural practices in water pollution.</b></p> <p>The chemicals used in modern agriculture such as chemical fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides etc. are the pollution generating components and when they mix with water they generate pollution. 1</p> <p><b>(18.2) How can we check water pollution by changing agricultural practices?</b></p> <p>By changing agricultural practices like organic farming etc. ( Any other relevant point) 1</p> <p><b>(18.3) Suggest any two ways to reduce water pollution.</b></p> <p>i. Recycle used water  ii. Treat polluted water before releasing  iii. Any other relevant point</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><math>\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1</math></p> <p>( Any two points to be suggested)</p>	<p>Pg 96 T.B.II</p>	3x1=3
19	<p>Study the given map carefully and answer the questions that follow :</p>		

**Areas of Dairy Farming**



**(19.1) Name the largest dairy farming region of the world.**

North Western Europe 1

**(19.2) Name the important dairy farming region of southern hemisphere.**

South-eastern part of Australia/ Tasmania 1

**(19.3) Explain the main characteristic of dairy farming.**

- i. It is highly capital intensive.
- ii. It is highly labour intensive
- iii. There is no off season during the year.
- iv. It is practiced near urban and industrial centres.
- v. Any other relevant point. 1

( Any one point to be explained)

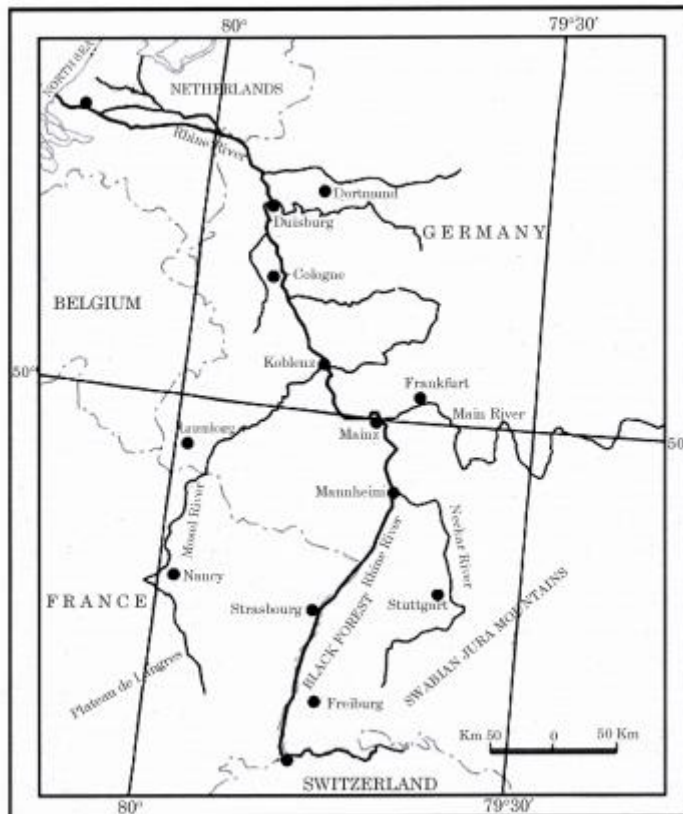
**3x1= 3**

**For Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Question No 19**

**Explain the main characteristics of dairy farming in the world with examples.**

- i. Dairy farming is the most advanced and efficient type of rearing of milch animals.
- ii. It is highly capital intensive.

	<p>iii. Special emphasis is laid on cattle breeding, health care and veterinary services.</p> <p>iv. It is highly labor intensive as it involves rigorous care in feeding and milking.</p> <p>v. Any other relevant point</p> <p><b>(Any three points to be explained)</b></p>	<p><b>Pg 29</b></p> <p><b>T.B. I</b></p>	<p><b>3x1=3</b></p>
	<p><b>SECTION-C</b></p> <p><b>20 to 23 are Short Answer Type Questions.</b></p>		<p><b>4x3=12</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>Explain the concept of 'possibilism' in geography.</b></p> <p>The concept of possibilism :</p> <p>i. With social and cultural development, humans develop better and more efficient technology.</p> <p>ii. Humans move from a state of necessity to a state of freedom.</p> <p>iii Humans create possibilities with the resources obtained from the environment.</p> <p>iv. Human activities create cultural landscape.</p> <p>v. Nature gets humanised and bears the imprints of human endeavour.</p> <p>vi. Any other relevant point</p> <p><b>(Any three points to be explained)</b></p>	<p><b>Pg 3</b></p> <p><b>T.B.I</b></p>	<p><b>3x1=3</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>Study the map carefully and explain the given waterway on the following bases:</b></p> <p>(i) Location</p> <p>(ii) Terminal points</p> <p>(iii) Significance</p>		



ii. **Location:** Rhine waterway located in Europe / this waterway passes through Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium and Netherlands / Rhine flows through Germany and Netherlands. 1

ii. **Terminal points:**

(i) Rotterdam -Netherlands

(ii) Basel -Switzerland 1/2+1/2=1

iii. **Significance:**

i. Rhine flows through a rich coalfield area.

ii. The whole basin has become a prosperous manufacturing area.

iii. This waterway is the world's most heavily used waterway.

iv. It connects the industrial area of Switzerland ,Germany etc. With the North Atlantic sea route.

v. Any other relevant point 1

(Any one significance to be explained)

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**T.B. I**

**3x1=3**



	<p><b>Explain the significance of the Volga river waterway.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Volga waterway is one of the most important inland waterway of Russia.</li> <li>ii. It provides a navigable waterway of 11,200 km</li> <li>iii. The Volga- Moscow canal connects it with the Moscow region.</li> <li>iv. The Volga- Don canal connects it with the Black sea.</li> <li>v. Any other relevant point</li> </ul> <p><b>( Any three points to be explained)</b></p>	<p><b>Pg 65</b> <b>T.B. I</b></p>	<p><b>3x1=3</b></p>
22	<p><b>(a) “Many of the towns in India are multifunctional”. Analyse the statement.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The cities are not static in their functions. The functions change due to their dynamic nature.</li> <li>ii. Even specialized cities as they grow into metropolises become multifunctional where industry, business, administration, transport etc. become important.</li> <li>iii. For example, cities like Mumbai, Kolkata perform the functions of ports, trade, entertainment etc.</li> <li>iv. The functions get so intertwined that the city cannot be categorized into a particular functional class.</li> <li>v. Any other relevant point</li> </ul> <p><b>( Any three points to be analysed)</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>(b) “The objective of the ‘Smart Cities Mission’ is to create a replicable model.” Analyse the statement.</b></p> <p><b><u>Smart cities mission</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Main objective of smart cities mission is to provide core infrastructure.</li> <li>ii. It has to provide clean and sustainable</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pg 18-19</b> <b>T.B. II</b></p>	<p><b>3x1=3</b></p>

	<p>environment.</p> <p>iii. It provides decent quality of life to its citizens.</p> <p>iv. Smart cities are to apply smart solutions to infrastructure and services in order to make them better</p> <p>v. The focus is on sustainable and inclusive development.</p> <p>vi. Any other relevant point</p> <p><b>(Any three points to be analysed)</b></p>	<p><b>Pg 19</b></p> <p><b>T.B. II</b></p>	<p><b>3x1=3</b></p>
<b>23</b>	<p><b>“Indian sea ports continued to grow after independence.” Support the statement with examples.”</b></p> <p>i. After Independence, Indian ports started handling large volumes of both domestic and overseas trade.</p> <p>ii. Many ports were modernised and equipped with improved infrastructure facilities.</p> <p>iii. New ports such as Deendayal Port (Kandla) were developed to compensate for the loss of Karachi port after Partition.</p> <p>iv. Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva) was developed as a satellite port to reduce pressure on Mumbai port and became the largest container port in India.</p> <p>v. Private entrepreneurs were invited for the modernisation of ports to bring them at par with international standards.</p> <p>vi. Any other relevant point.</p> <p><b>(Any three points to be explained )</b></p>	<p><b>Pg 90</b></p> <p><b>T.B.II</b></p>	<p><b>3x1=3</b></p>
	<p><b>SECTION -D</b></p> <p><b>24 to 28 are Long Answer Type Questions.</b></p>		<p><b>5x5=25</b></p>
<b>24</b>	<p><b>Analyse the factors influencing the distribution of population in the world.</b></p>		

	<p>Various factors like geographical, economic and socio-cultural factors influencing the distribution of population in the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Availability of water: People prefer to live in areas where fresh water is easily available .</li> <li>ii Landforms : Flat plains and gentle slopes for example rivers, lakes etc. are favourable for crop production, roads and industries, while mountainous and hilly areas are less populated.</li> <li>iii. Climate: Regions with comfortable climate and moderate seasonal variation attract more people, whereas extreme hot, cold or very wet climates discourage habitation.</li> <li>iv Soils: Fertile loamy soils support intensive agriculture and therefore sustain a larger population.</li> <li>v. Minerals: Areas with mineral deposits attract industries, generate employment</li> <li>vi. Urbanisation: Cities offer better employment opportunities, educational and medical facilities, transport and communication, leading to rural-urban migration.</li> <li>vii. Industrialisation: Industrial regions provide diverse job opportunities and attract large numbers of people.</li> <li>viii. Some places attract more people due to their religious or cultural significance.</li> <li>ix. Any other relevant point.</li> </ul> <p>(Any five points to be analysed)</p>		
		Pg. 8-9 T.B.I	5x1=5
25	(a) Suggest the measures to achieve ecological sustainability in Indira Gandhi Canal Command Area.		



	vii Any other relevant point ( Any five points to be examined)		
26	<p><b>(a) Classify industries on the basis of size and explain the significance of manufacturing industries.</b></p> <p>On the basis of size the industries are –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Large scale industry:</b> It involves a large market, various materials, specialized workers and advanced technology.</li> <li><b>Small scale industry:</b> This type of manufacturing uses local raw materials, simple power driven machines and semi-skilled labour.</li> <li><b>Cottage industry:</b> It is the smallest manufacturing unit and artisans use local raw materials and simple tools to produce everyday goods in their homes.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">3x1=3</p> <p><b>( All three points to be explained )</b></p> <p><b>Significance of manufacturing industries:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industries are significant because they add value to the resources.</li> <li>Raw materials need processing, only then they become fit to be used.</li> <li>For example, Cotton balls can't be used unless it is processed into thread or cloth.</li> <li>Manufacturing contributes significantly to the world economy.</li> <li>Any other relevant point.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">2x1=2</p> <p><b>( Any two points to be explained)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>(b) Why are manufacturing industries necessary? Classify industries on the basis of ownership and explain them.</b></p>	<p>Pg 36,37 and 38- 40 T.B. I</p>	3+2=5


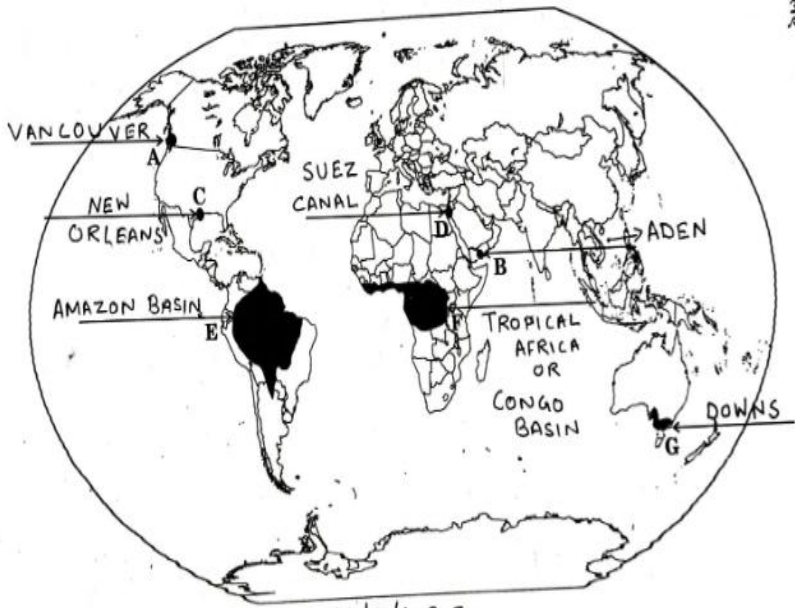
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27	<p><b>(a) Explain the main features of India's national water policy.</b></p> <p><b>Main Features of India's National Water Policy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Emphasis on the need for national water framework law and comprehensive legislation for optimum development of inter-state rivers and river valleys.</li> <li>ii. Water after meeting the pre-emptive needs for safe drinking water, sanitation, food security and high priority allocation for minimum eco system needs be treated</li> </ul>		

	<p>as economic goods.</p> <p>iii. Adaptation strategies in view of climate change for designing and management of water resources structures and review of accessibility criteria has been emphasized</p> <p>iv. A system to evolve benchmarks for water uses for different purposes i.e. water footprints and water auditing be developed.</p> <p>v. Removal of large disparity for water supply in urban areas and rural areas has been recommended.</p> <p>vi. Water resources projects and services should be managed with community participation.</p> <p>vii. Any other relevant point</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>( Any five points to be explained)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>(b) Explain the main features of ‘Jal Kranti Abhiyan’.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Main Features of Jal Kranti Abhiyan</b></p> <p>i. Launched in 2015–16 to ensure water security through per capita availability of water in the country.</p> <p>ii. It aims at involving local bodies, NGOs and citizen at large in creating awareness regarding its objectives.</p> <p>iii. Selection of one water-stressed village in each of the 672 districts to develop it as a ‘Jal Gram’.</p> <p>iv. Identification of model command areas of about 1000 hectares in different parts of the country, for example in UP, Haryana (North), Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu (South), Rajasthan and Gujarat (West), Odisha (East) and Meghalaya (North-East).</p>	<p>Pg 50</p> <p>T.B. II</p>	<p>5x1=5</p>
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	<p>v. Abatement of pollution through water conservation and artificial recharge etc.</p> <p>vi. Reduction of groundwater pollution in different regions.</p> <p>vii. Construction of arsenic-free wells in selected areas of the country.</p> <p>viii. Creating mass awareness through social media, radio, T.V. print media, poster and essay writing competitions in schools.</p> <p>ix. Any other relevant point</p> <p><b>( Any five points to be explained)</b></p>	<p><b>Pg 51</b></p> <p><b>T.B. II</b></p>	<p><b>5x1=5</b></p>
28	<p><b>(a) “India has a highly uneven pattern of population distribution.” Support the statement with examples.</b></p> <p>India has highly uneven pattern of population distribution due to various factors:</p> <p>i. In percentage share Uttar Pradesh has the highest population followed by Maharashtra, Bihar and West Bengal.</p> <p>ii. UP, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh along with Tamil Nadu, MP, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Gujarat together account for 76% of the total population of the country.</p> <p>iii. On the other hand, share of population is very small in Jammu and Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.</p> <p>iv. The North Indian plains, deltas and coastal plains have higher proportions of population than the interior parts due to physical factors.</p> <p>v. Urban regions of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata,</p>		

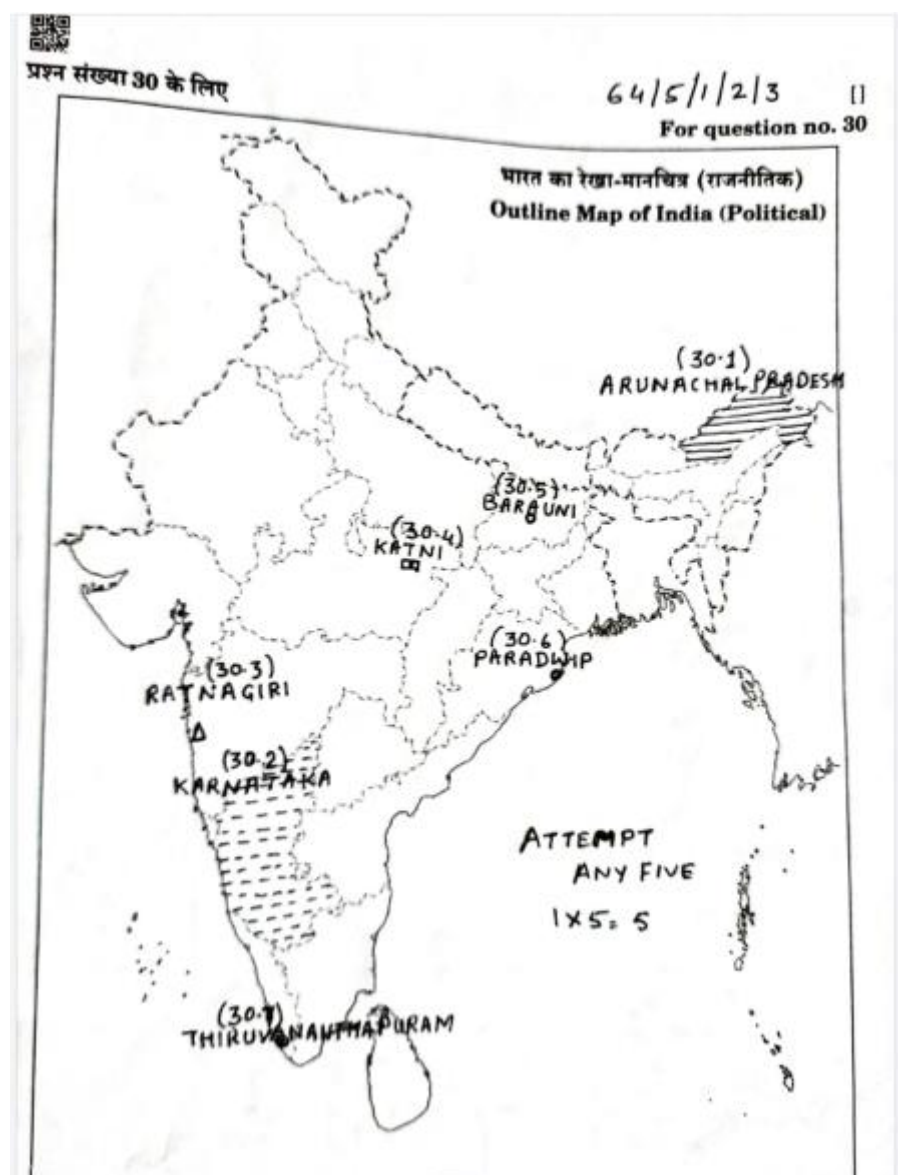




	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECTION E</b> Question nos. 29 and 30 are Map-based Questions.</p>	2x5=10
29	<p>Please see attached map</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">             प्रश्न संख्या 29 के लिए         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">           विश्व-राजनीतिक             For question no. 29         </div> <p>For Visually Impaired Candidates ( In lieu of Question No 29) :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">( Answer any Five)                      5x1=5</p> <p>29.1      Vancouver</p> <p>29.2      Aden</p> <p>29.3      Chicago/ New Orleans/ Los Angeles/ San Francisco/NewYork/ Boston</p> <p>29.4      Suez Canal</p> <p>29.5      Amazon Basin</p> <p>29.6      Tropical Africa/ Congo basin</p> <p>29.7      Downs</p>	

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Please see attached map



For Visually Impaired Candidates ( In lieu of Question No 30) : (Answer Any Five) 5x1=5

- 30.1 Arunachal Pradesh
- 30.2 Karnataka
- 30.3 Ratnagiri
- 30.4 Katni/ Balaghat
- 30.5 Barauni
- 30.6 Paradwip
- 30.7 Thiruvananthapuram