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- Language, style and standard of questions are similar to Geography optional questions asked by the Union Public Service Commission.
- The sectional tests comprise of 14 questions, and all are compulsory. Each test is of 200 marks and has to be completed within a time period of 2.5 hours.
- The sectional tests cover topic wise basics of entire Geography optional syllabus.
- The full-length tests consist of cross-topic questions to simulate real time exam pattern.
- Use of standard Geography reference books and authentic sources for model answers.
- Crisp and fluid model answers that cover basic aspects to applied principles of Geography and current affairs relevant to the question.
- Use of suitable examples, accurate diagrams and graphic analysis in model answers for lucid presentation and better scoring.
- Adequately spaced tests to allow for better preparation, feedback and improvement.

Test Code	Date	Syllabus
Test-13 OPT-G-2413	18 August, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
Test-14 OPT-G-2414		Full Length Paper-II
Test-15 OPT-G-2415	1 September, 2024 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
Test-16 OPT-G-2416		Full Length Paper-II

**For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.*



SUGGESTED RESOURCES

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NCERT 2. Certificate Physical and Human Geography - G C Leong 3. Geography Made Simple (Vol1 and Vol2) - Rupa Publication <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Physical Geography b. Economic and Social Geography 4. Geomorphology – Savindra Singh 5. Climatology – Savindra Singh 6. Oceanography – Savindra Singh 7. Biogeography – Savindra Singh 8. Environmental Geography – Savindra Singh 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Human Geography – Majid Hussain 10. Models and Theories – Majid Husain 11. Geographical thought – R D Dixit 12. Fundamentals of Geographical thought – Sudipta Adhikari 13. Settlement Geography – K Siddhartha & S. Mukherjee 14. India's – Comprehensive Geography – D R Khullar 15. Oxford School Atlas 16. Economic Survey 17. Down to Earth, Yojna, Kurukshetra 18. UN reports and NITI Aayog reports
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UPSC (2023) & Drishti IAS Mains Test Series (Geography Optional) Comparative Analysis

Paper 1

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
G2315	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss the role of strophic balance in causing steady flow and direction of global winds. Explain the concept of 'subgeostrophic' and 'supergeostrophic' winds. 	1(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is "Geostrophic Wind"? Explain the relationship between barometric slope and air circulation. 	10
G2313	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harry Hess's concept of sea floor spreading proved to be the crucial link needed to go from Wegener's ideas of continental drift to the concept of plate tectonics. Discuss. 	2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Evidences from palaeomagnetism and sea floor spreading have validated that continents and ocean basins have never been stationary." Elucidate with suitable diagrams. 	20
G2301	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The theory of continental drift is more philosophical in nature in comparison with the theory of Seafloor spreading. Discuss 			

G2303	Q6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the development of local winds and, with suitable examples, bring out the impact of local winds on the climate of an area. 	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the causes of origin of local winds? Discuss their significance on prevailing weather and climate in various regions, with suitable examples. 	20
G2304	5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a brief note on the soil profile. 	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiate between the characteristics of organic horizons and mineral horizons in a generalised soil profile. 	15
G2303	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you mean by “inversion of temperature”. Give an account of the types and impacts of inversion of temperature. 	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does inversion of temperature occur? Explain its significance on local weather with suitable examples. 	15
G2304	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept of “limit to growth” takes into account the interdependence of the population, agriculture, industry, resources and environment. Comment. 	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain population, resource use and development nexus in the Limits to Growth Model. Why has this model been criticized intensively? 	15
G2305	1(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With critiques, write a brief note on the main thesis of “limits to growth” 			

Paper 2

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
G2309	1(a) (iii)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nathula Pass 	1(a) (i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nathula 	2
G2307	1(a) (iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramappa temple 	1(a) (v)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Ramappa 	2
G2312	7(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Nutri-cereals can play a significant role in battling food insecurity, malnutrition and climate change”- In the light of the given statement analyse why Government of India is pushing for Millet mission. 	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> why are millets considered as 'nutri-cereals' and climate-resistant? Discuss the constraints and opportunities of millet cultivation in India. 	15
G2307	3(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the relevance of the Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) and Lakshadweep Islands in light of their strategic location and current government initiatives in these regions. 	2(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the geostrategic significance of Indian islands. 	15
G2316	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throw light on flood-prone areas in India. What are the challenges facing flood disaster management in India? 	3(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the problems of floods and their management with special reference to Indo-Gangetic Plain. 	15
G2307	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss what mitigation measures can be taken to protect human life, land, and property from flood fury. 			

G2316	6(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India, despite being in a position of demographic dividend, is not able to take economic advantage of it due to the poor education system. Discuss. 	4(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With Falling fertility rate and rising median age, how can India translate demographic dividend to economic dividend ? 	20
G2314	4(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss the problems and prospects of the jute industry in India. 	5(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify the jute-producing areas and discuss the major causes of decline of jute mill industry in India. 	10
G2312	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss the role of critical minerals in clean energy transition. 	5(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why are critical minerals essential for the economic development and national security in India? 	10
G2311	4(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write a short note on the command area development programme and its objectives. 	7(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Critically examine the ecological and economic impact of Indira Gandhi Canal Command Area Development. 	15
G2311	8(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggest measures of sustainable development in the Indira Gandhi Canal Command Area. 			
G2308	2(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indian agriculture is plagued by several problems. Discuss the economic and infrastructural problems associated with the Indian agricultural productivity. 	8(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why India lags behind many other countries in agricultural productivity? Suggest suitable measures to raise productivity across the regions in a sustainable manner. 	20
G2308	5(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What are high yielding seeds (HYV)? Discuss the benefits of HYV seeds and how it can help farmers to enhance their agricultural productivity 			
G2308	6(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Decreasing agriculture production and ensuring food security were the main concern for agricultural development”, discuss how the crop diversification will help in getting out of this situation. 			