

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

- Identification of simple landforms marked by contours, triangulated height, spot heights, surveyed trees, bench marks, relative height and colour tints or other symbols on a topographical survey of India map.
- Measuring distances using the scale given therein and marking directions between different locations, using eight cardinal points and indicated bearings.
- Marking the site of prominent villages and/or towns, types of land use and means of communication with the help of the index given at the bottom of the sheet.
- Identification of drainage and settlement patterns.

2 Map of India

A question will be set to locate and label on an outline map of India. Candidates will be expected to locate and label the following items – mountains, plateaus, plains, rivers and water bodies, towns, coastal features, minerals, rainfall and wind

Mountains and Plateaus: Himalayas, Karakoram, Aravali, Vindhya, Satpura, Western

and Eastern Ghats, Nilgiris, Garo, Khasi, Jaintia. Deccan, Chota Nagpur, Malwa Plateaus.

Plains: Indo-Gangetic Plains, Coastal plains - Konkan, Malabar, Coromandal and the Northern Circar.

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

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

Passes: Karakoram, Nathu-La Passes.

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

Direction of Monsoon Winds: South West (Arabian and Bay of Bengal Branches) North East Monsoon.

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

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

Towns - Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kochi, Srinagar, Vishakhapatnam, Allahabad.

Population - Distribution of Population (Densely and sparsely).

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. The climate of India.

Distribution of temperature, rainfall, winds in summer and winter and the factors affecting the climate of the area. Monsoon and its mechanism.

Seasons –March to May – hot and dry summer;
June to September – South West Monsoon;
October to November - retreating monsoon.
December to February – cool and dry winter.
Map showing distribution of temperature, rainfall,
and monsoon winds.

5. Soils in India

Types of soils (alluvial, black, red and laterite),
composition and characteristics such as colour,
texture, minerals, crops associated, soil erosion –
causes, prevention and need for conservation.

6. Natural vegetation of India

Types of vegetation (tropical evergreen, tropical
deciduous, tropical desert, littoral and mountain),
distribution and correlation with their
environment, uses of important trees, need for
conservation and various measures.

7. Water Resources

Importance of irrigation, means of irrigation, need
for conservation, rain water harvesting, and its
importance.

8. Minerals in India

Coal, petroleum, iron ore, manganese, bauxite,
limestone – uses and their distribution.

9. Agriculture in India

Types of agriculture in India: shifting,
subsistence, intensive, extensive, plantation,
mixed, commercial. Indian Agriculture –
problems and solutions.

Agricultural seasons (rabi, kharif, zayad),
climatic conditions, soil, methods of cultivation,
processing and distribution of the following
crops:

- rice, wheat, millets and pulses.
- sugarcane, oilseeds.
- cotton, jute, tea, coffee, rubber.

10. Industries in India: - Agro based Industry and Mineral based Industry.

Agro based Industry - Sugar, Cotton Silk,
Woollen and Jute Textiles.

Mineral based Industry –Iron, Steel, Heavy
Engineering, Petro Chemical and Electronics.

11. Transport

Roads – Express Highways, National highways,
Golden Quadrilateral, Railway – Narrow, Metre,
Broad gauge, Air ways, Water ways – Major Sea
Ports Advantages and disadvantages of these
transport.

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 the services offered.

2. Environment:

Wildlife conservation efforts in India.

3. Current Geographical Issues:

Tourist destinations and development of tourism
in India.

4. Transport in India:

Railroads, sea ports, air routes and their
development. Policies of India. countries –
problems and plans for solving them.

5. Trend of Industrialization in India.

Need for industrialization in India, the latest
trends and its impact on economy of India.

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 entry of marks on the mark sheets provided by the Council.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT IN GEOGRAPHY -GUIDELINES FOR MARKING WITH GRADES

Criteria	Preparation	Procedure/ Testing	Observation	Inference/Results	Presentation
Grade I (4 marks)	Gives complete theoretical information using relevant geographical terms	States the objectives and defines the aspects to be studied.	Studies text and source material and makes a list.	States theoretical information in a coherent and concise manner using geographical terminology. Uses a variety of techniques. Shows resourcefulness. Supports investigation with relevant evidence.	Neatly and correctly stated statement of intent and conclusion matches with objectives.
Grade II (3 marks)	Provides adequate information using appropriate terms.	States objectives but not the limitations of the study.	Makes a limited list of source material only from secondary sources.	Uses sound methodology-using methods suggested. Makes a valid statement about the data collected. Attempts to develop explanations using available information.	Limited use of reference material and a presentation, which is routine.
Grade III (2 marks)	States objectives using some geographical terms but mostly in descriptive terms.	Only lists the aspects to be studied.	References are minimal.	Uses methodology in which selective techniques are applied correctly. Makes descriptive statement. Analysis is limited. Relates and describes systematically the data collected. Tries to relate conclusion to original aim.	Simple and neat with correct placement of references, acknowledgements, contents, maps and diagrams.
Grade IV (1 mark)	States intent without using relevant geographical terms but explaining them correctly.	Shows evidence of what to look for and how to record the same.	Uses methodology with some techniques but is unable to systematically record data and collect information.	Makes few relevant statements. Does analyze data that is not presented or tends to copy analysis available from other sources. Makes superficial conclusions. Link between the original aim and conclusion is not clear.	Neat but lacking in correct placement of table of contents, maps, diagrams and pictures.
Grade V (0 marks)	Does not make any use of geographical terms.	Has not collected any relevant data and has not presented sources correctly.	Does not use any logical technique and does not follow the methodology suggested.	Does not analyze data. Does not use the suggested methods. Makes conclusions but does not relate them to the original aim.	Presents the report without reference.