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CBSE Class 12 Sample Paper 2027 for Geography

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CBSE Class 12	2027	Sample Paper	Geography

GEOGRAPHY CODE - 029
SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER*
CLASS: XII (2026- 27)

Time allowed: 3 Hours **Maximum marks: 70**

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them.

1. This question paper contains **30** questions. **All** questions are c**ompulsory**.
2. This question paper is divided into **five** sections: sections **A, B, C, D, and E.**
3. **Section A** - Question number **1 to 17** are multiple-choice type questions carrying 1 mark each.
4. **Section B-** Question number **18 and 19** are source-based questions carrying 3 marks each.
5. **Section C**- Question number **20 to 23** are Short Answer (SA) type questions carrying 3 marks each. The answer to these questions shall be written in 80 to 100 words.
6. **Section D** Question number **24 to 28** are Long Answer (LA) type questions carrying 5 marks each. Answer to these questions shall be written in 120 to 150 words.
7. **Section E** Question number **29 and 30** are map-based questions. Each question carries 5 marks.
8. In addition to this, NOTE that a separate question has been provided for Visually Impaired Candidates in lieu of questions having visual inputs, maps, etc. Such questions are to be attempted by Visually Impaired Candidates only.
9. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in a few questions in all sections, except Section A.

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<tr><td>Q. No.</td><td>Section A
Question No. 1 to 17 are Multiple Choice Type Questions</td><td>Marks
17X1=17</td></tr>
<tr><td>1</td><td>Match the following:

<table><tr><td></td><td>Column A – Places</td><td></td><td>Column B – Factors Affecting Population Distribution</td></tr><tr><td>I</td><td>Thar desert</td><td>1</td><td>Pleasant and comfortable climate</td></tr><tr><td>II</td><td>Mediterranean regions</td><td>2</td><td>Industrialisation and job opportunities</td></tr><tr><td>III</td><td>Katanga–Zambia copper belt</td><td>3</td><td>Harsh climatic condition and difficult landform</td></tr><tr><td>IV</td><td>Kobe–Osaka region</td><td>4</td><td>Mineral deposits and mining activities</td></tr></table></td><td>1</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td>Codes-
A. I-2, II-1, III-4, IV-3
B. I-1, II-2, III-3, IV-4
C. I-3, II-1, III-4, IV-2
D. I-2, II-3, III-1, IV-4</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>2</td><td>The Government of India has introduced the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme to address the issue of decline in child sex ratio. Which one of the following options will lead to a more meaningful life for girls?

A. Providing financial incentives only at the time of marriage.
B. Encouraging families to support girls' education.
C. Restricting girls from pursuing higher studies.
D. Making girls responsible for household work.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>3</td><td>A disaster management team wants to set up temporary shelters in Region Y, which has a population of 80,000 and an area of 200 sq km. To plan resources, they must know how densely populated the region is. What is the population density of Region Y?

A. 200 persons per sq km
B. 300 persons per sq km
C. 400 persons per sq km
D. 800 persons per sq km</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>4</td><td>In which of the following countries you can expect a higher investment in people providing education and healthcare as priority and good governance.

<table><tr><th>Sl No.</th><th>Country</th><th>HDI 2022</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Iceland</td><td>0.959</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Denmark</td><td>0.952</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Tajikistan</td><td>0.679</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>El Salvador</td><td>0.674</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Burkina Faso</td><td>0.438</td></tr><tr><td>6.</td><td>Niger</td><td>0.394</td></tr></table>
A. Niger and El Salvador
B. Burkina Faso and Tajikistan
C. Tajikistan and Niger
D. Iceland and Denmark</td><td>1</td></tr>
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5	Which of the following statements are correct related to rural marketing centres? Choose the correct option. i. Rural marketing centres cater to nearby settlements. ii. Rural Marketing centres are quasi-urban trading centres of the most rudimentary type. iii. They offer manufactured goods as well as many specialized markets develop, e.g. markets for labour, housing, semi or finished products. iv. Personal and professional services are not well-developed. These form local collecting and distributing centres. Options: A. i, ii, iv B. i, iii, iv C. ii, iii, iv D. i, ii, iii	1
6	How does industrial nations help to step up the volume of trade in developing nations? i. By developing industries like mining, oil drilling, heavy engineering etc in developing countries. ii. By not importing food stuffs and minerals from the developing countries. iii. By creating markets for their finished products in developing countries iv. By not opening the market for developing countries and increasing the import tariff by 50%. A. I, III B. III, IV C. II, III D. I, IV	1
7	Which of the following is a major concern associated with rapid growth of international trade in recent times? A. It reduces dependence on natural resources and promotes sustainable development. B. It can lead to exploitation of natural resources, causing environmental degradation. C. It decreases commercial rivalry and prevents conflicts between nations. D. It ensures equal development among all participating countries.	1

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<tr><td>8</td><td>Thomas Malthus in his theory (1798) stated that the number of people would increase faster than the food supply. Which of the following statements is NOT supported by Malthus' theory?

A. Food shortage would result in a decline in population.
B. The rate of food supply would be faster than the population growth.
C. Preventive checks are preferable to control population growth.
D. To ensure sustainability of resources, population growth needs to be controlled.</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>9</td><td>The table given below shows the crude birth rate and the crude death rate in India. Identify the year that registered the highest natural growth rate?

<table><tr><th>Decades</th><th>Crude Birth rate per 1000</th><th>Crude Death rate per 1000</th></tr><tr><td>2001-2011</td><td>21.8</td><td>7.1</td></tr><tr><td>1991-2001</td><td>25.4</td><td>8.4</td></tr><tr><td>1981-1991</td><td>29.5</td><td>9.8</td></tr><tr><td>1971-1981</td><td>37.2</td><td>15</td></tr></table>
A. 1991-2001
B. 2001-2011
C. 1971-1981
D. 1981-1991</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>10</td><td>Which of the following schemes is promoted by the Government for organic farming?

A. PM-KISAN
B. Soil Health Card Scheme
C. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
D. Krishi Vikas Yojana</td><td>1</td></tr>
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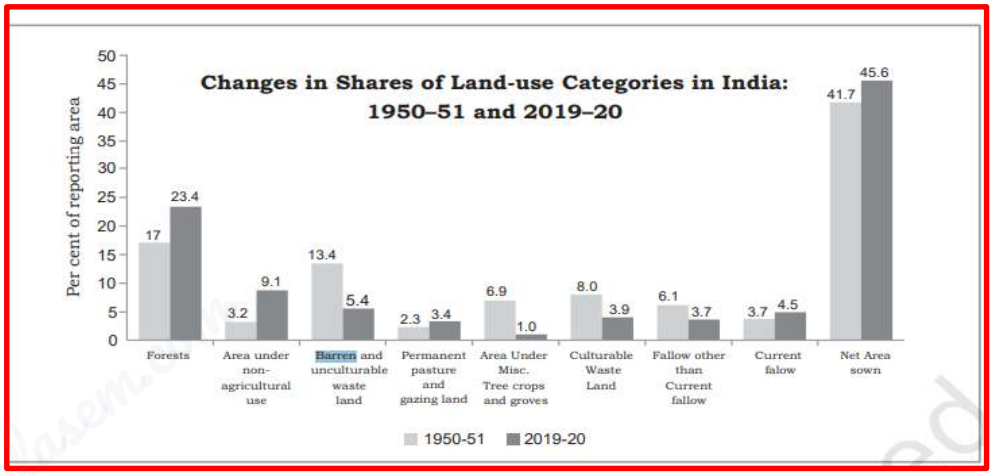
11	 In 2019-20, which category of land use has undergone the highest rate of increase in comparison to 1950-51? A. Forest B. Barren land & unculturable waste land C. Culturable wasteland D. Area under non-agricultural use **The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates only In lieu of Question No. 11** The land which is left without cultivation for one or less than one agricultural year is known as: A. Fallow other than Current Fallow B. Culturable Wasteland C. Current Fallow D. Land put to Non-agricultural Uses	1
12	The map given below shows the major river basins of India. Identify the river basin that covers the states of UP, Bihar and West Bengal. A. Krishna Basin B. Pennar Basin C. Ganga Basin D. Indus Basin	1

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	 The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates only In lieu of Question No. 12 Name the largest river basin of India. A. Krishna Basin B. Pennar Basin C. Ganga Basin D. Indus Basin	
13	**Assertion(A):** The Iron and steel industry in India is majorly concentrated in the north eastern part of the Peninsular Plateau. **Reason(R):** Most of the metallic minerals in India occur in the peninsular plateau region in the old crystalline rocks. A. Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A. B. Both A and R are correct and R is not the correct explanation of A. C. A is correct but R is incorrect. D. R is incorrect but A is correct.	1
14	There is a declining availability of freshwater and increasing demand from different sectors of the economy in our country. Now the need has arisen to conserve and effectively manage this precious life giving resource for sustainable development. Suggest measures that can be adopted to solve this problem.	1

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	A. Free and easy access of water to industries. B. Constructing new, large-scale dams for irrigation purposes. C. Implementing rainwater harvesting, recycling and reusing wastewater. D. Extracting more groundwater to increase supply.	
15	Given below is a list of National Waterways. Which one of the following is incorrectly matched? Stretch — Waterways 1. Allahabad-Haldia — NW-1 2. Kottapuram-Kollam — NW-5 3. Sadiya-Dhubri — NW-2 4. Kakinada-Puducherry — NW-4 A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4	1
16	A coastal district is preparing for an approaching cyclone. The disaster management team needs real-time information on cloud movement and storm intensity. Which satellite system will provide the most reliable support for this purpose? A. IRS – Indian Remote Sensing Satellite B. INSAT – Indian National Satellite System C. GSAT – Communication satellite for TV channels D. PSLV – Launch vehicle for satellites	1
17	Mr. Netra, a 35-year-old unemployed person from a small village in Nepal, has decided to emigrate to a nearby city in the NCR region of India. He has three brothers who work on their family-owned small field, which gives very low returns for the family to survive. Formulate the likely reasons for his emigration. I. High paid farming jobs are available in the rural area. II. Better employment opportunities in the city. III. Sufficient income from agriculture in his village IV. Better standard of living in rural areas. V. More opportunities for training and personal development in the city. A. I, III, IV B. II, V, C. III, IV D. I,V	1

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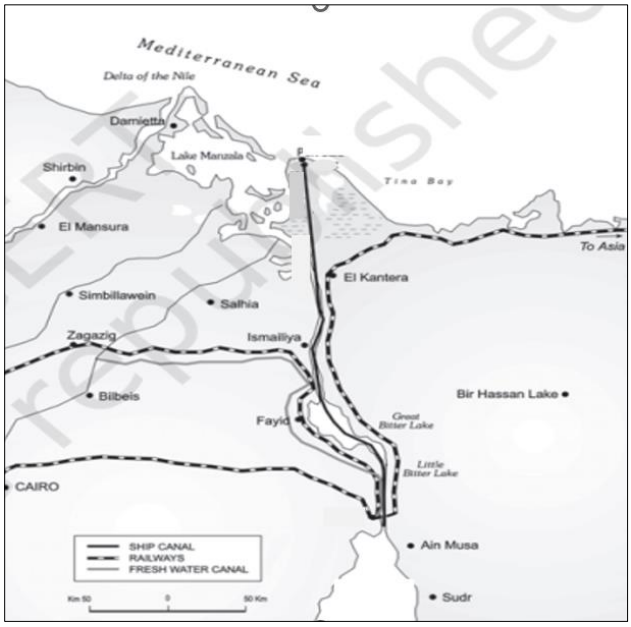
	Section- B **Question Nos. 18 and 19 are Source Based Questions.**	**2x3=6**
18	Study the map given below carefully and answer the following questions.  18.1 Identify the canal shown in the map. 18.2 Which two water bodies are connected by this Canal? 18.3 State one major significance of this Canal in international trade. **The following question is for Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Question No. 18.** 18.1Which two water bodies are connected by the Panama Canal? 18.2 Between which two cities was the Panama Canal constructed? 18.3 Mention one point explaining how this canal benefits Latin America.	3 1 ½+ ½ 1 1 ½+ ½ 1
19	Read the passage given below carefully and answer the following questions. The uneven spatial distribution of population in India suggests a close relationship between population and physical, socioeconomic and historical factors. As far as the physical factors are concerned, it is clear that climate along with terrain and availability of water largely determines the pattern of the population distribution. Consequently, we observe that the North Indian Plains, deltas and Coastal Plains have higher proportion of population than the interior districts of southern and central Indian States, Himalayas, some of the north eastern and the western states. However, development of irrigation (Rajasthan), availability of mineral and energy resources (Jharkhand) and	

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	development of transport network (Peninsular States) have resulted in moderate to high concentration of population in areas which were previously very thinly populated. I. Define the term population distribution. II. Name one physical factor and one economic factor that influence population distribution. III. Name one densely populated and one sparsely populated area of India.	 1 ½+ ½ ½+ ½
	Section C **Questions number 20 to 23 are Short Answer Type Questions**	**(4x3=12)**
20	Explain the concept of human development as introduced by Dr Mahbub-ul-Haq.	3
21	"The evolution of Indian towns is a reflection of the changing socio-political and economic priorities of different historical eras." Analyse the evolution of modern towns in India.	3
22	What is Neo-Determinism as introduced by Griffith Taylor? Explain how it provides a middle path between Environmental Determinism and Possibilism?	1+2=3
23(A)	A multinational company wants to outsource work to a country for tasks that require highly skilled knowledge and research, such as R&D, legal services, and analysis. Which type of outsourcing—BPO or KPO—should the company choose, and why? **OR**	1+2=3 1+2=3
23(B)	What do you understand by the term "Digital Divide?" Explain with one example of how it exists between countries or within a country.	
	Section D **Questions number 24 to 28 are Long Answer Type Questions**	**(5X5=25)**
24(A)	Classify industries based on raw materials and illustrate each category with appropriate examples. **OR**	5
24(B)	Explain any five factors influencing the location of industries with suitable examples.	5
25(A)	Why are seaports known as 'the gateway of international trade'? Write a brief note on the importance of Kandla port. **OR**	2+3=5
25(B)	Describe the nature of the changes in the composition of export and import trade of India.	5

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26(A)	The urban waste should be properly treated as a resource for various needs of mankind. Explain the measures that can help in changing urban waste into resources. **OR**	5
26(B)	How has noise pollution become hazardous in many big cities of India? Explain with examples.	5
27	Distinguish between intensive subsistence farming and extensive commercial grain farming, mentioning any five points.	2½+2½= 5
28(A)	Examine the role of the Indira Gandhi Canal in bringing about changes in the ecology, economy, and society of the Thar Desert region. **OR**	5
28(B)	Suggest suitable measures to promote sustainable development and improve the quality of life in the Bharmour Tribal Region of Chamba, with reference to its physiographic divisions and river systems.	5
	Section E **Question numbers 29 & 30 are Map based questions.**	**(2X5=10)**
29	On the given political map of the World, seven geographical features have been marked as A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Identify any five with the help of the following information and write their correct names. A -An Area of nomadic herding B-A major seaport of Canada C- A major seaport of Asia D- An airport in Asia E- An airport in Australia F- A man made Canal G- A waterway of North America	5

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	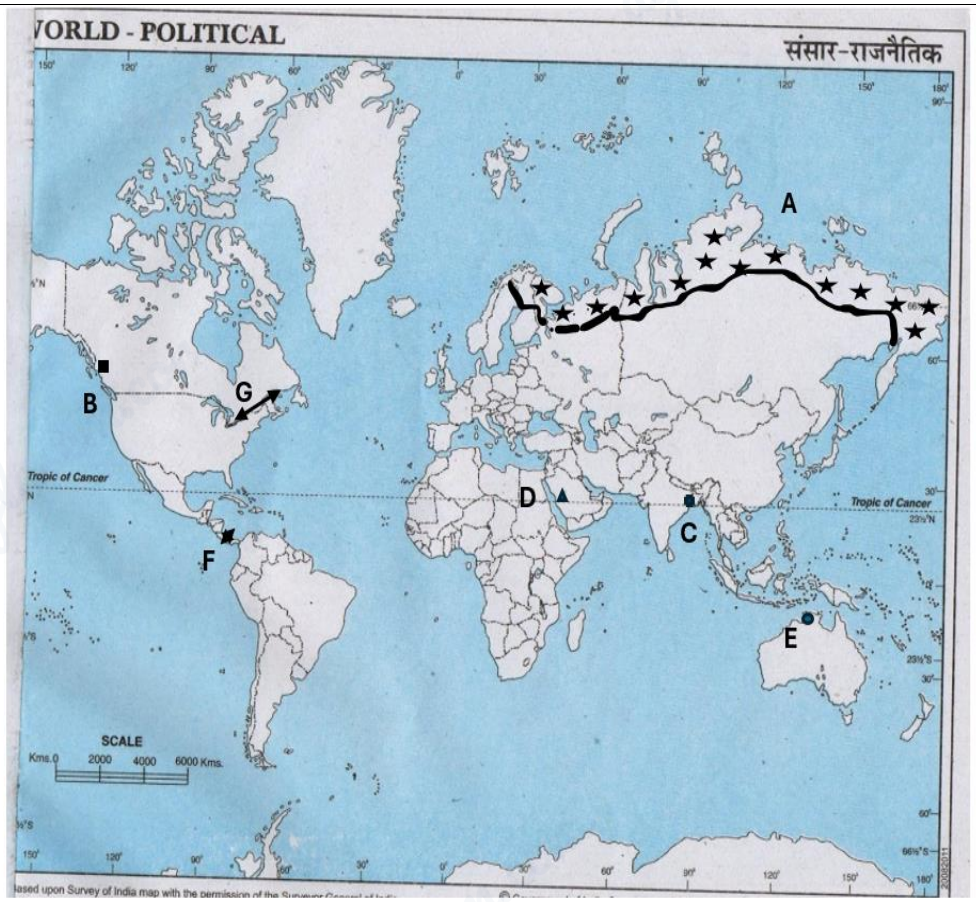 **The following questions are for Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Question No.29. Answer five questions out of the following:** 29 A. Name one area of nomadic herding of Asia. 29 B. Name a major seaport of Canada. 29 C. Name a major seaport of India. 29 D. Name a major airport in South Africa. 29 E. Name an airport in Australia. 29 F. Name the manmade Canal joining the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea. 29G. Name one major waterway of North America.	
30	Locate and label any five of the following geographical features on the Political Outline map of India with appropriate symbols: A. The State with the lowest population density B. An important seaport in Odisha C. An important coal mine in Tamil Nadu D. Bailadila -iron ore mines E. An oil refinery in Gujarat	5

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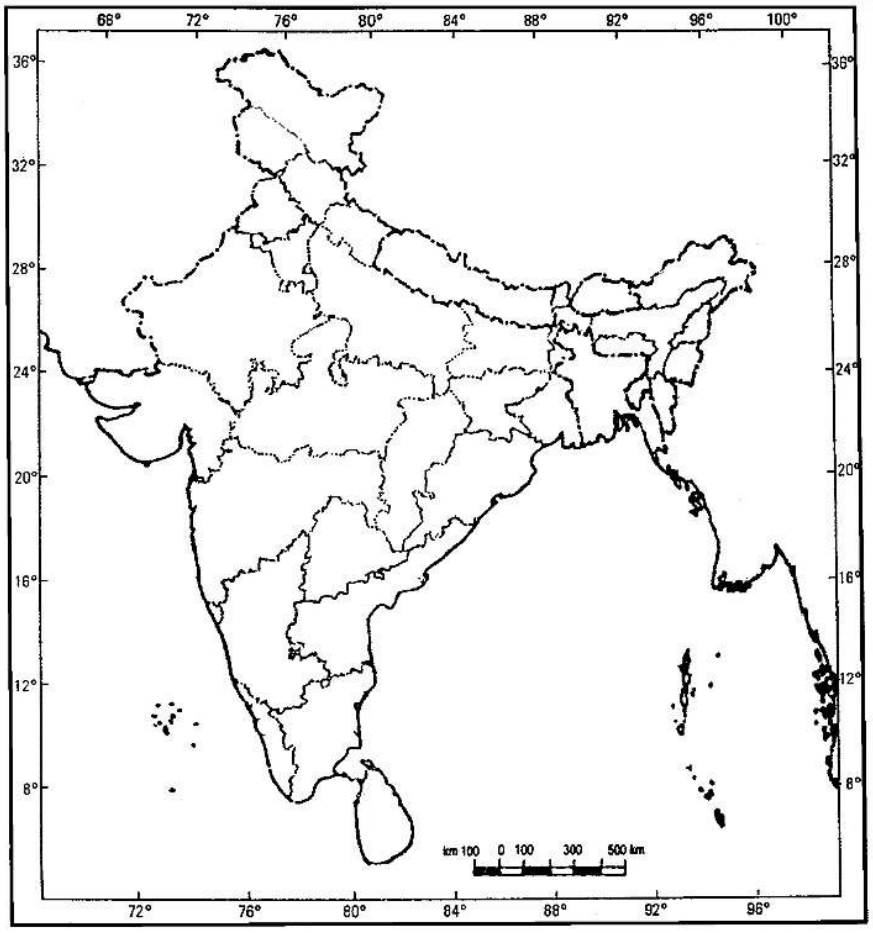
F. The State leading in the production of Sugarcane
G. An international airport in Kerala

The following questions are for Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Question No.30. Answer five questions out of the following:

30A. Which Indian state has the lowest population density?
30B.Name one major seaport located in Odisha.
30C. Name an important coal mine located in Tamil Nadu.
30D. In which state is the famous iron ore mine - Bailadila located?
30E. Name an oil refinery situated in Gujarat.
30F. Which Indian state is the leading producer of sugarcane?
30G. Name one international airport located in Kerala.



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