

ICSE Board
Class VIII Geography
Sample Paper - 1

Time: 2 hrs

Total Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. Answers to this paper must be written on the paper provided separately.
2. You will **not** be allowed to write during the first **15** minutes. This time is to be spent in reading the question paper.
3. The time given at the head of the paper is the time allotted for writing the answers.
4. Attempt **all** questions from sections A and B.
5. The intended marks of questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

Fill in the Blanks:

[10]

- i) _____ is the closest star to the Earth after the Sun.
- ii) _____ clouds indicate fair weather.
- iii) _____ winds are also known as the anti trade winds.
- iv) When the relative humidity of air is 100%, the air is said to be _____.
- v) The Mediterranean Sea is located to the south of _____.
- vi) The coniferous forests of Europe supply _____ for the paper industry.
- vii) The highest point in Asia is _____ and the lowest point is _____.
- viii) All stars except the _____ appear to move from east to west.
- ix) The Earth's surface is heated by _____ units of total solar radiation during the day.
- x) The deflection of the winds due to the Coriolis Effect is greater at the _____ and least at the _____.

QUESTION 2

Pick the correct answer from the options:

[5]

- i) Which of the following statements is not true?
 - a) Stars make different patterns in the night sky, which are known as constellations.
 - b) The Sun is the biggest star in our Universe.
 - c) Stars have light of their own.
 - d) There are millions of stars in our Solar System.

- ii) Which of the following is not an element of weather?**
- a) Latitude**
 - b) Temperature**
 - c) Humidity**
 - d) Sunshine**
- iii) Variations in pressure can be shown by drawing**
- a) Isotherms**
 - b) Isobars**
 - c) Isotopes**
 - d) None of the above**
- iv) Which of the following statements is incorrect?**
- a) Moisture is an integral part of the atmosphere.**
 - b) Water is present in its gaseous state as rainfall.**
 - c) Water is present on the Earth in three states- solid, liquid and gas.**
 - d) The total volume of water present in the oceans and seas is constant.**
- v) Which of the following is the smallest country in Europe?**
- a) Luxemburg**
 - b) Vatican City**
 - c) Portugal**
 - d) None of the above**

QUESTION 3

State whether true or false.

[5]

- i) The Scandinavian countries have a high population density. (True/False)**
- ii) The Elburz and Zagros mountains converge at the Armenian Knot. (True/False)**
- iii) Intensive subsistence agriculture involves the use of mechanised farming. (True/False)**
- iv) The Purvanchal Range comprises of the Aravalli Hills. (True/False)**
- v) In India, wheat is grown as a kharif crop. (True/False)**

SECTION B**QUESTION 4****Answer the questions in brief.****[20]**

- i) How big is the Sun?
- ii) Why is the Earth also known as the 'blue planet'?
- iii) What are clouds?
- iv) State one point of difference between Fortin's barometer and Aneroid barometer.
- v) What is 'latent heat'?
- vi) Name the countries which are collectively called the lowland countries. Why are they called so?
- vii) Why are the Dogger Bank in the North Sea and the Great Fisher Bank rich in terms of fish supply?
- viii) State the latitudinal and longitudinal extent of Asia.
- ix) What is plantation agriculture?
- x) Why is Darjeeling cooler than Kolkata during the summers?

QUESTION 5**[40]****Answer the following:**

- i) Why is Punjab considered to be ideal for the cultivation of wheat?
- ii) On an outline map of India, mark the states through which the Tropic of Cancer passes.
- iii) Answer the following questions:
 - a) What is an intermontane plateau?
 - b) Name two intermontane plateaus in Asia.
 - c) Name the mountain ranges which enclose these intermontane plateaus.
- iv) Elaborate on the Great River Valleys of India.
- v) Write a short note on the dairy industry in Europe.
- vi) Write a short note on the Central Plains or the Great European Plains.
- vii) Write a short note on the orographic rainfall.

viii) On an outlined map of Asia, mark the following countries:

- a)** Mongolia
- b)** Afghanistan
- c)** Thailand
- d)** Cambodia
- e)** Iran
- f)** Kazakhstan
- g)** South Korea
- h)** Turkey