

ICSE Board
Class VIII Geography
Sample Paper - 2

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) The Arctic Circle passes through the northern part of _____.
- ii) Superfast highways in Germany are known as _____.
- iii) The Baltic states include Estonia, Latvia and _____.
- iv) When the dew point temperature is above the freezing point of 0°C, _____ takes place in the form of tiny droplets of water.
- v) The winds do not blow in the same path and get deflected due to the _____.
- vi) The _____ protects the Earth by not allowing all the radiation from the Sun from reaching the Earth's surface.
- vii) A large group of stars forming a pattern is known as a _____.
- viii) The _____ Plains is the greatest continuous lowlands in the world.
- ix) _____ is the leading country in the production of milk products in Europe.
- x) The _____ type of climate is found in Central Europe, Eastern Europe and Russia.

QUESTION 2

Pick the correct answer from the options:

[5]

- i) The most common method of sowing wheat in Punjab is
 - a) Broadcasting
 - b) Drilling
 - c) Transplanting
 - d) Dibbling

- ii) Which is the southernmost tip of the Indian mainland?
- a) Kochi
 - b) Indira Point
 - c) Kanyakumari
 - d) Thiruvananthapuram
- iii) Which country is the leading producer of mica in the world?
- a) India
 - b) Malaysia
 - c) Indonesia
 - d) China
- iv) Which of the following factors affect/s the rate of evaporation?
- a) Humidity
 - b) Temperature
 - c) Winds
 - d) All of the above
- v) In India, wheat is sown during the months of
- a) October - November
 - b) March - April
 - c) June - July
 - d) August – September

QUESTION 3

State whether true or false.

[5]

- i) The Alps are old fold mountains. (True/False)
- ii) Dairy farming in Europe is highly mechanised. (True/False)
- iii) The Arabian Plateau is an intermontane plateau. (True/False)
- iv) Japan largely exports minerals and imports heavy machinery. (True/False)
- v) The Indian Northern Plain is mainly made up of old alluvium soil. (True/False)

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

- i) What do we understand by the term 'Green Revolution'?
- ii) Though the Sun rises two hours earlier in Arunachal Pradesh than in Gujarat, the watch displays the same time. Give reason.
- iii) Mention six main elements of weather and climate.
- iv) What is relative humidity?
- v) What are fjords? In which European country do we generally find them?
- vi) Why is the Rhine considered to be the most important waterway of Europe?
- vii) Which Asian countries were former members of the USSR?
- viii) What is extensive commercial agriculture?
- ix) What are the climatic conditions required for the growth of a tea plantation? Name any two major tea producing states.
- x) Which are the main tea growing regions in Kerala?

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

- i) Describe the process of wheat cultivation in Punjab.
- ii) Discuss four main differences between planets and stars.
- iii) Briefly elaborate on the Equatorial Low Pressure Belt.
- iv) Give geographical reasons:
 - a) We notice dark spots on the surface of the Moon.
 - b) We can see comets only when they come near the Earth.
- v) Give geographical reasons for the following:
 - a) Land gets heated during the day very quickly and cools rapidly during the nights.
 - b) Guangzhou has much colder winters than Kolkata although both cities lie on the coast on the same latitudes.
- vi) Write a short note on Polar winds.

vii) On an outline map of India mark the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands, Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

viii) In an outline map of Europe mark the following:

- a) River Rhine
- b) A region experiencing Mediterranean type of climate.
- c) Taiga Region
- d) Steppes Grasslands