

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.
3. The time given at the head of this Paper is the time allowed for writing the answers.
4. Attempt all questions from Section A and Section B
5. The intended marks for 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) 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 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) 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

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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 Polarwinds.

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

