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<p>Q1(b) Give a reasoned account of unusual pattern of distribution of monsoonal rainfall in India in 2017. (10 marks)</p>	
<p>Q1(c) Explain the inter-state issues involved in implementation of the Sutlej-Yamuna link canal project. (10 marks)</p>	<p><i>Although not discussed directly, how to write geographical answers on inter-state water dispute was discussed in the following questions:</i> Session 12 (Q9) Give a reasoned account of river water dispute related with River Kaveri. (15 Marks) Modular Test 3 (Q6b) Give a reasoned account of the Mahadayi river water dispute. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q1(d) Small towns in India have problems and prospects of their own. Elaborate. (10 marks)</p>	<p>Modular Test 3 (Q7a) Discuss the role of medium towns in regional development in India. (20 Marks) <i>[Here all the concepts that were to be used while discussing the role of different hierarchy of towns was discussed.]</i></p>
<p>Q2(a) Discuss the freshwater crisis in India and prepare a blue print for its sustainable management. (20 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 13 (Q5) Discuss the emerging pattern of surface water utilisation in India. (15 Marks) Modular Test 4 Q3(b) Assess as to how surface water utilisation affects food production and food security in India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q2(b) Identify the naxal-affected areas in India and discuss their socio-economic problems. (15 Marks)</p>	<p><i>Not directly discussed but the issue was discussed in the following questions:</i> Session 12 (Q12) "The geography of India seems to promote terrorism in the country." Comment. Session 16 (Q17) Discuss the guiding principles of tribal area development. Formulate a suitable policy for tribal area development taking into account the problems faced by such areas. (20 marks)</p>



<p>Q2(c) Critically examine the feasibility of development of a comprehensive network of airways in India. (15 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 15(2) Q6 Assess the growing importance of air transport in India and examine its role in the regional development of the country. (15 Marks) Comprehensive Test 2: Paper 2 (Q3c) How can development of airways help in the Industrial development in India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q3(a) “An effective three tier panchayat raj system will strengthen the bottom up approach to multilevel planning in India. (20 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 16 (Q9) Discuss the concept of multi-level planning as practised in India, and explain the implications of 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments in this regard. (20 Marks)</p>
<p>Q3(b) “Linguistic diversity is an asset as well as a challenge in India.” Explain the statement focusing on distribution of languages and the major steps taken to address the related issues. (15 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 8 (Q10) Provide a reasoned account of linguistic diversity in India. (15 Marks) Modular test 2 (Q5b) Write a short note on the linguistic diversity of Manipur. (150 Words)</p>
<p>Q3(c) How may tourism in hilly areas of India developed as an important source of economy. (15 marks)</p>	<p>Comprehensive Test 1: Paper 2 (Q3b) Discuss the potential for development of tourism in the north-east India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q4(a) mention various methods of functional classification of towns in India and explain the methods applied by Ashok Mitra. (20 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 7 (Q10) Discuss the major approaches to functional classification of towns. (20 Marks) Session 7 (Q11) Elaborate the Ashok Mitra’s classification of Indian cities. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q4(b) Farmers suicide is one of the major agrarian problems in India. Bring out its causes and suggest the remedial measures with special reference to Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab. (15 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 14 (Q21) Discuss the root causes of agrarian distress in India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q4(c) Land reform is a key to modern agriculture in India. Describe various measures taken in this direction after independence. (15 Marks)</p>	<p>Session 14 Q4 Evaluate the success and impact of land reform measures taken by India since Independence. (15 Marks) Session 14 (Practice Q2) Outline the impact of land reform measures on agricultural development in India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q5(a) Explain the role of ‘Hill transport subsidy scheme’ in reducing regional imbalances in areas identified by the government of India. (10 Marks)</p>	
<p>Q5(b) “Bring out the geopolitical implications of Doklam dispute in the context of Indo-china relations.</p>	



<p>Q5(c) Bring out the significance of Indian Regional Navigation Satellite system (IRNSS)</p>	<p><i>Although not directly discussed, how to write geographical answers on questions related with IT and remote sensing were discussed in the following question:</i> Session 15(2) Q10 Discuss the impact of development of ICT in the balanced regional development of India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q5(d) Mini steel plants can act as an instrument of decentralization of Iron and Steel Industry in India.</p>	<p><i>Location factors of mini steel plants of India were directly discussed in the following Question:</i> Session 15(1) Q6 Examine the role of raw materials in the location of the Iron and Steel Industry in India. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q5(e) Goods and services tax (GST) has differential impact on developed and backward states of the country. How and Why?</p>	<p><i>Although not directly discussed, related concepts were discussed in the following question:</i> Modular Test 4 (Q 6b) Discuss briefly the overall pattern of inter-regional trade in India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q6(a) Interlinking of rivers may serve as a major source of assured irrigation and all weather inland navigation in India. Comment in its feasibility taking into account physical, economic and ecological implications.</p>	<p>Session 13 (Q6) Discuss the feasibility of national water grid. (20 Marks)</p>
<p>Q6(b) Religious minorities are largely concentrated in Border States of India. Discuss its causes and consequences.</p>	<p>Session 8 (Q11) Provide a reasoned account of religious diversity in India. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q6(c) What do you understand by soil pollution? Delineate the areas vulnerable to it in India and suggest remedial measures in India.</p>	<p>Comprehensive Test 1: Paper II (Q6c) Discuss the extent of soil degradation in India and its impact on the agricultural development of the country. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q7(a) Integrated development of road and rail networks in a contemporary framework is a prerequisite for regional development. Explain with reference to North-Eastern Region of India.</p>	<p>Session 15(2) Q1 Discuss the competition and complementarity between rail and road transportation in India. (15 Marks) Session 15(2) Practice Question Q2 Critically examine the complementary and competitive character of the Indian rail- routes and the road network. (15 Marks)</p>



<p>Q7(b) Describe the salient features of Sagar Mala Project and highlight its role in port-led development of coastal regions in India.</p>	<p><i>Although not directly discussed, the concepts to be used to discuss this question were dealt in the following question:</i> Session 15(2) Q2. Discuss the role of transport system in the regional development of a country? (20 Marks) [<i>Here geographical concepts related with port-led development were specifically dealt with.</i>]</p>
<p>Q7(c) Justify the inclusion of Meghalaya in peninsular India and discuss its vegetation and Soil type.</p>	<p>It was directly discussed under the following questions: Session 10 (Q1) Discuss the evolution of the Indian Peninsula. (15 Marks) Modular Test 3 (Q 3b) Explain the structural characteristics of the Peninsular Plateau. (15 Marks)</p>
<p>Q8(a) Name the major industrial regions of India indicating the bases of their identification. Highlight their basic problems.</p>	<p>Session 15(1) Practice Question Q8 Identify the main industrial clusters of India and account for their development. (150 Words) Session 15(1) (Q12) Discuss the problems & prospect of the Kolkata-Hugli Industrial Region. (150 Words)</p>
<p>Q8(b) Drainage pattern in peninsular India is a result of its geological structure and topography. Elaborate.</p>	<p><i>Although not directly discussed, it was indirectly discussed in the following question:</i> Modular Test 1 (Q2c) “There exists a close relationship of the drainage with the structural factors.” Elucidate. (15 Marks) [<i>Here examples from Indian drainage, including peninsular drainage, were used to elucidate this question in the class.</i>] <i>Also, while explaining the formation of Peninsula students were explained about the evolution of Peninsular drainage.</i> <i>This topic is also exclusively dealt in detail in Guidance optional class notes which students were asked to refer.</i></p>
<p>Q8(c) Why has solar energy in India not been developed on desired level in spite of its high potential?</p>	<p>Session 13 (Q13) “The fossil fuels are finished and the future of energy depends upon renewable energy.” In this context, evaluate the potential of both conventional and non-conventional energy resources in India. (20 Marks) Modular Test 4 (Q2c) “As the age of cheap fossil fuel will eventually come to end, societies must prepare for that eventuality by conserving energy and</p>



	finding alternatives to fossil fuels especially that do not destroy the environment." Discuss. (15 Marks)
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Analysis of the paper

- The level of toughness of the paper was similar to the last year.
- In such a paper marks scored by the students would depend upon how they are able to write it using geographical language. Also upon the use of maps and diagrams alongwith suitable examples and case studies.
- It is important to note that in past nine years, marks obtained in Paper II has been on par with other optionals. Thus, scoring good marks in Paper II becomes vital in the contemporary scenario where Paper I can be unreliable. Infact, with enough practice high marks can be achieved consistently in Paper II.
- Here at Guidance, we make students to practice paper II questions with special focus on making the answers geographical.

