General Instructions:

- There are 22 general questions.
- Questions No. 1 – 7 are very short-answer questions carrying 1 mark each.
- Answer to each of these questions should not exceed 40 words.
- Questions No. 8 – 13 are short-answer questions carrying 3 marks each. Answer to each of these questions should not exceed 80 – 100 words.
- Questions No. 14 – 20 are long-answer questions carrying 5 marks each. Answer to each of these questions should not exceed 150 words.
- Questions No. 21 – 22 are related to identification or locating and labelling of geographical features on maps, carrying 5 marks each.
- Outline maps of the World and India provided to you must be attached within your answer-book.
- Use of templates or stencils for drawing outline maps is allowed.

SECTION A

Q1 Mention any two sources of water pollution by human beings in India.  

OR

Name any two water conservation techniques adopted in India.

Q2 What does the proportion of literate population of a country indicate?

Q3 Name any two modern towns built by the British in modern style?  

OR

Which town was developed as centre of modern industries after 1850?

Q4 Identify the Indian seaport which provides port facilities to its landlocked neighbour countries. Name any one such country.

Q5 On the basis of configuration and purpose, compare the two satellite systems in India.

Q6 Differentiate between Positive and Negative Growth of population.  

OR

Differentiate between immigration and emigration.

Q7 Analyse the development of service sector as an outcome of improvement in transport and communication.
SECTION B

Q8 ‘Technology loosens the shackles of environment on human beings’. Justify.

Q9 Define outsourcing. Which types of activities are outsourced?

OR

Define quinary activities. Describe its features and importance.

Q10 Study the given map carefully and answer the following questions.

a) Identify the railway line shown in the map.

b) Which two oceans are connected by this railway line.

c) Give any one point of significance of this transport line.

For Visually Impaired Candidates (in place of Q. No. 10)

a) Name the most important rail route of Russia.

b) Explain any two points regarding the economic importance of this railway line.

Q11 Explain three characteristics of welfare approach of human development.

Q12 Explain the reasons for the coming up of slums in developing countries like India with suitable examples.

OR

Explain the causes and consequences of Rural-Urban migration in India with suitable examples.

Q13 Study the given map carefully and answer the questions that follow.
a) Name the northernmost, southernmost and westernmost metropolitan cities of the country and also name the states to which they belong.

For Visually Impaired Candidates (in place of Q. No. 13)

a) Name any three states of India each of which has only one metropolitan city. Also name those metropolitan cities.

SECTION C

Q14 Give information on the growing importance of the Regional Trade Blocs in International trade with special reference to the European Union (EU) and the Oil Producing and Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Q15 Compare the features of Subsistence and Plantation agriculture in five points each.

OR

Compare the features of Mixed farming and Dairy farming in five points each.
Q16 Analyse the importance and declining popularity of water transport in India in recent times.

   OR
The distribution of roads is not uniform in India. Interpret the statement by giving examples.

Q17 Explain the nature of rural settlements. Describe any four problems related to rural settlements of the world.

   OR
Explain factors which affect the location of rural settlements in the world.

Q18 “The restoration of ecological balance between water, soil, plants, human and animal population should be a basic consideration in the strategy of development of drought prone areas in India”. Explain the statement with suitable facts.

Q19 Analyse the factors that favored the concentration of iron and steel industries in the Chhota Nagpur region in India.

Q20 Identify the challenges of the adolescent population before the society. Enlist a few measures to overcome these problems.

Q21 Five Geographical features shown on the given Political outline map of the world as A, B, C, D and E. Identify these features with the help of the key given below and write their correct names on the blanks marked on the map near them.

A- Area of Mixed farming
B- A major airport of Asia
C- A waterway
D- Industrial region
E- A major sea port of Australia

For Visually Impaired Candidates (in place of Q. No. 21)

A- Name any area of mixed farming in Europe.
B- Name any international airport of China.
C- Name the important waterway of Central America
D- Mention an important industrial region of Eastern USA
E- Name the major seaport of Australia
Q22 Locate and Label **any five of the following** on the given political outline map of India.

a) State having the lowest work participation rate.
b) Major seaport located in Odisha
c) International airport in Punjab
d) Iron ore mine in Karnataka
e) Cotton textile industry in Gujarat
f) State with highest literacy rate
g) Headquarter of North western railway zone
h) Biggest sea port of India
For Visually Impaired Candidates (in place of Q. No. 22) (Attempt any five)

a) Name major seaport of Odisha
b) Name the International airport of Punjab
c) Name any iron ore mine of Karnataka
d) Name the state with highest literacy rate
e) Name the headquarter of North Western railway zone
f) Name the biggest sea port of India
g) Name any centre of Cotton Textile Industry in Gujarat
h) Name the state having lowest work participation rate