

Under Graduate Syllabus for BSc (Hons) Course in Geography

TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2015-2016



BSc 1st Year 1st Semester : 18 Periods per Week : 150 Marks PAPER SUBJECT UNIT MARKS PERIODS PER WEE 101T Fundamental Concepts in Geography 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 102T Elements of Physical Geography 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 103P Basic Cartography 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 BSc 1st Year 2nd Semester : 24 Periods per Week : 200 Marks PAPER SUBJECT UNIT MARKS PERIODS PER WEE 201T Elements of Human Geography 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 202T Economic Geography 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 203P Statistical Methods 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 204P Map Interpretation 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 BSc 2nd Year 3rd Semester : 24 Periods per Week : 150 Marks PAPER SUBJECT UNIT MARKS PERIODS PER WEE 301T Geotectonics and Geomorphology 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3 302T Climatology 1/2 +		: Course Structure				
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502T Social Geography 1/2 + 1/2 25 + 25 3+3	502T	Social Geography	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
503T Resource Geography 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3	503T	Resource Geography	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
504P Socio-economic Survey Techniques 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3	504P	Socio-economic Survey Techniques	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
505P Thematic Mapping 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3	505P	Thematic Mapping	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
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601T Geographical Thoughts 1/2 + 1/2 25 + 25 3+3	601T	Geographical Thoughts	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
602T Regional Development and Planning 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3	602T	Regional Development and Planning	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
603T Regional Geography of India 1/2 + 1/2 25 + 25 3+3	603T	Regional Geography of India	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
604P Field Report 1/2 + 1/2 25+25 3+3	604P	Field Report	1/2 + 1/2	25+25	3+3	
605P Grand Viva 1/2 25 At the end of the semes		Grand Viva	1/2	25	At the end of the semester	
606P Seminar Presentation 1/2 25 At the end of the semes	605P					

Section 2: Detailed Syllabus

PAPER-101T (Theoretical): FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS IN GEOGRAPHY [50 Marks]

1.0: NATURE OF GEOGRAPHY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BRANCHES OF KNOWLEDGE

- 1.1 Meaning, Nature and Scope of Geography; Geographical Traditions
- 1.2 Relations of Geography with other branches of Knowledge
- 1.3 Physical Geographies: organising concepts and emerging trends
- 1.4 Human Geographies: organising concepts and emerging trends

2.0: FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF GEOGRAPHY

- 2.1 Scale, Location, Space, Area, Region and Regional Concept
- 2.2 Areal Differentiation and Spatial integration, Centrality, Contiguity.
- 2.3 Dichotomy and Dualism, Unity, Synthesis, Models, Paradigms
- 2.4 System Analysis, Spatial Interaction, Spatial Pattern and Distribution, pplied Geography

PAPER-102T (Theoretical): **ELEMENTS OF PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY:** [50 Marks]

1.0 APPROACHES TO PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

- 1.1 Concept of spatial and temporal scales in Physical Geography, Relief order.
- 1.2 Physical systems: Concept and applications in geo-science
- 1.3 Principles of relative and absolute dating, Geological timescale.
- 1.4 Origin and Geological history of the earth

2.0 THE EARTH SYSTEMS

- 2.1 Atmospheric systems: Energy, moisture and motion
- 2.2 Oceanic system: Water mass, tides, currents and waves
- 2.3 Terrestrial system: Origin, classification and degeneration of rocks
- 2.4 Hydrological system: Hydrological cycle, runoff cycle and river regime

■ PAPER-103P (Practical): **BASIC CARTOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

1.0 SCALE AND MAP PROJECTION

- 1.1 Concept, use and construction of scales: Linear, Diagonal and Vernier
- 1.2 Concept of Generating Globe and Grids: Angular and Linear system of measurement
- 1.3 Concept, construction and application of Map Projections: Polar (Zenithal Stereographic), Conical (Simple Conic, one and two Standard), Cylindrical (Equal Area)
- 1.4 Concept and significance of UTM

2.0 Surveying

- 2.1 Traverse survey using Prismatic Compass
- 2.2 Profile survey using and Prismatic Compass, Dumpy level

- 2.3 Determination of height by Transit Theodolite (base of the object inaccessible)
- 2.4 Generation of contours using Transit Theodolite

PAPER-201T (Theoretical): **ELEMENTS OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

1.0 NATURE AND PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

- 1.1 Meaning, nature and scope
- 1.2 Principles of Human Geography
- 1.3 Approaches to the study of Human Geography; Resource, Locational, Landscape, Environmental
- 1.4 Man-Environment Relationship, Determinism, Possibilism, Probabilism, Environmentalism

2.0 HUMAN ADAPTATIONS

- 2.1 Evolution of man and adaptation to Environment
- 2.2 Concept of Races, characteristics and their distribution
- 2.3 Human adaptation to environment; Eskimo, Masai, Bushman, primitive people of India (Santhal, Nagas, Gaddis)
- 2.4 Human Population and Environment with special reference to development environment conflict

PAPER-202T (Theoretical): **ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

1.0 ECONOMIC GEOGARPHY TODAY

- 1.1 Meaning and approaches to Economic Geography; New Economic Geography
- 1.2 Concepts in Economic Geography
- 1.3 Theories of Agricultural and Industrial location (Von Thünen, Weber, Lösch)
- 1.4 Transport costs and Economic distance

2.0 ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Principles of Economic activities; Production, exchange and consumption
- 2.2 Principal crops Paddy, Wheat, Tea, Jute, Sugarcane; Major Industries: Iron and Steel, Cotton textile
- 2.3 Agricultural Systems: Plantation Agriculture and Mixed Farming
- 2.4 Trade and Transport; Transcontinental Railways and Sea-routes, Trade blocs-EEC, ASEAN

PAPER-203P (Practical): **STATISTICAL METHODS** [50 Marks]

1.0 APPLICATION, COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF DATA

- 1.1 Importance and Significance of Statistics in Geography, Data (Variable, Attribute), Measuring Scales (Nominal, Ordinal, Weighted)
- 1.2 Collection of data and formation of statistical tables, Importance of cross

tabulation

- 1.3 Sampling; Need, Types, and Significance, Random Sampling Measures
- 1.4 Diagrammatic Representation of Data- Bar, Histogram, Polygon, Curve (Normal and Skewed Curve), Ogives

2.0 FUNDAMENTAL STATISTICAL MEASURES

- 2.1 Central Tendency- Mean, Median, Mode, Partition Value
- 2.2 Dispersion Measures; Range, Mean Deviation, Standard Deviation, Coefficient of Variation, Z score
- 2.3 Regression (Linear, Geometric), Correlation (Pearson and Spearman) and Time Series Analysis (Moving Average)
- 2.4 Demographic (Birth rate, death rate, growth rate) and agricultural statistics (combination, diversification, intensity and growth).

PAPER-204P (Practical): **MAP INTERPRETATION** [50 Marks]

1.0 TOPO MAP INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 Survey of India topographical maps: History, indexing *vis-a-vis* scale (old and open series), information on the margin of maps
- 1.2 Construction and interpretation of relief and river profiles and block diagrams from toposheets
- 1.3 Watershed analysis: Shape, relative relief, drainage density, stream ordering, hypsometric integral
- 1.4 Study of correlation between physical and cultural features from toposheets using transect chart; distribution of settlements vis-a-vis availability of resources

2.0 THEMATIC MAP INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Preparation and interpretation of land use on cadastral map using secondary data
- 2.2 Construction and interpretation of sections from geological maps (uniclinal, simple fold and fault)
- 2.3 Identification of specific weather systems and their interpretation using suitable maps/ diagrams; Study of seasonal change of weathers from IMD weather maps: Monsoon and winter
- 2.4 Interpretation of bathymetric charts

■ PAPER-301T (Theoretical): **GEOTECTONICS AND GEOMORPHOLOGY** [50 Marks]

1.0 GEOTECTONICS

- 1.1 Thermal and physical state of the Earth's interior with special reference to seismology
- 1.2 Isostasy: Models of Pratt and Airy; their applicability
- 1.3 Continental Drift Theory; Plate Tectonics: as a unified theory of global tectonics
- 1.4 Genetic classification of World Mountains

2.0 GEOMORPHOLOGY

- 2.1 Weathering and mass wasting: classification, factors and landforms
- 2.2 Fluvial processes and landforms evolution in horizontal, folded, domal and volcanic structures
- 2.3 Geomorphologic processes and landform evolution in Aeolian, Karst, Coastal and Glacial areas
- 2.4 Cyclic and non-cyclic concepts of landscape evolution (Davis, Penck, King and Hack).

PAPER-302T (Theoretical): **CLIMATOLOGY** [50 Marks]

1.0 LAYERS AND ELEMENTS OF THE ATMOSPHERE

- 1.1 Nature, composition and layering of the atmosphere, Greenhouse effect and importance of ozone layer.
- 1.2 Insolation: controlling factors, Heat budget of the atmosphere.
- 1.3 Temperature: horizontal and vertical distribution. Inversion of temperature: types, causes and consequences.
- 1.4 Circulation in the atmosphere: Wind, jet stream, index cycle, Monsoon mechanism

2.0 WEATHER PHENOMENA AND CLIMATIC CLASSIFICATION

- 2.1 Condensation theories, process and forms; mechanism of precipitation: Bergeron-Findeisen theory, collision and coalescence, Forms of precipitation.
- 2.2 Air mass: typology, origin and characteristics; Fronts: warm and cold; frontogenesis and frontolysis.
- 2.3 Weather: stability and instability; barotropic and baroclinic; tropical and midlatitude cyclones
- 2.4 Climatic classification after Köppen and Thornthwaite and Oliver

PAPER-303P (Practical): **TECHNIQUES IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

1.0 Methods

- 1.1 Preparation of climographs for temperate and tropical climate
- 1.2 Preparation of rating curves, hydrographs and unit hydrographs
- 1.3 Determination of radius of curvature, sinusity index and braiding index of rivers.
- 1.4 Megascopic identification of common rocks and minerals

2.0 Instruments

- 2.1 Measurement of weather parameters: Maximum & Minimum Thermometers, Hygrometer, Barometer
- 2.2 Measurement of pebble shape: Slide calliper
- 2.3 Measurement of slope and dip: Abney Level, Clinometer
- 2.4 Quality assessment of soil using field kits (pH, NPK) and water (pH, hardness)

PAPER-401T (Theoretical): **SOIL & BIOGEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

- 1.0 SOIL GEOGRAPHY
 - 1.1 Concept of land and soil; Physical and chemical properties of soils
 - 1.2 Soil forming factors and processes
 - 1.3 Soil classification: Genetic and USDA scheme
 - 1.4 Soil degradation and conservation

2.0 BIOGEOGRAPHY

- 2.1 Concepts of ecology, ecosystem and Biosphere, trophic structure, food chain and food web
- 2.2 Energy flow in ecosystems
- 2.3 Bio-geo-chemical cycles (carbon and nitrogen)
- 2.4 Biodiversity: hotspots, loss and conservations

PAPER-402T (Theoretical): **ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

- 1.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN GEOGRAPHY
 - 1.1 Perception of Environment in different stages of civilization, geographical approach to environmental studies
 - 1.2 Environmental problems: Global warming and related issues
 - 1.3 Urban environmental issues; Poverty, crime and Heat Island
 - 1.4 River degeneration and related issues
- 2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND MANAGEMENT
 - 2.1 Concept of Environmental Degradation, Pollution and Hazard
 - 2.2 Earthquakes: Factors, vulnerabilities, management
 - 2.3 Landslides: Factors, vulnerabilities, mitigation
 - 2.4 Riverbank erosion: Factors, vulnerabilities, mitigation

■ PAPER-403P (Practical): **REMOTE SENSING** [50 Marks]

- 1.0 VISUAL ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE IMAGES
 - 1.1 Principles of Remote Sensing (RS): Types of RS satellites and sensors
 - 1.2 Sensor resolutions and their applications with reference to IRS and Landsat missions, Image referencing schemes and data acquisition.
 - 1.3 Principles of image interpretation. Preparation of inventories of landuse land cover (LULC) features from satellite images.
 - 1.4 Preparation of landuse / land cover overlay from satellite images.
- 2.0 DIGITAL ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE IMAGES
 - 2.1 Preparation of False Colour Composites from IRS LISS-3 and Landsat TM and OLI data.

- 2.2 Image enhancement. Preparation of reflectance libraries of LULC features
- 2.3 Image classification, post-classification analysis and class editing
- 2.4 Preparation of digital elevation models and their applications

PAPER-404P (Practical): **GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM** [50 Marks]

- 1.0 GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
 - 1.1 Georeferencing of maps and images
 - 1.2 Digitisation of features and data attachment
 - 1.3 Raster to vector conversion and spatial analysis: vector overlay
 - 1.4 Preparation of thematic map
- 2.0 GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM (GNSS)
 - 2.1 Principles of GNSS positioning
 - 2.2 Waypoint collection
 - 2.3 Transferring of waypoints to workstation GIS and web-based GIS
 - 2.4 Area and length calculations from GNSS data

PAPER-501T (Theoretical): **POPULATION AND SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

- 1.0 POPULATION
 - 1.1 Nature and scope of population geography, Sources and types of population data
 - 1.2 World Population: factors affecting population growth and distribution, migration types and its determinants
 - 1.3 Population dynamics; Fertility, Morbidity, Mortality, Age-Sex structure, Occupation Structure, Demographic Transition Theory, Human Development Index
 - 1.4 Concept of Population Resource Regions; Population issues; economic and social
- 2.0 SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY
 - 2.1 Nature and Scope of Settlement Geography
 - 2.2 Rural Settlement; Types and pattern, Size and characteristics, Rural House Types in relation to environment
 - 2.3 Urban Settlements; Types, evolution and classification of urban settlement, Hierarchy of urban settlement (With special reference to Christaller)
 - 2.4 Rural Settlement morphology and internal structure of cities

PAPER-502T (Theoretical): **SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

- 1.0 EVOLUTION OF SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY
 - 1.1 Meaning and Scope of Social Geography
 - 1.2 Concept of Space, Social differentiation and stratification; social processes

- 1.3 Social Elements; Language, Religion and customs
- 1.4 Basis of Social region formation; Evolution of social cultural regions of India

2.0 SOCIAL WELLBEING

- 2.1 Concept of Social Well-being, Quality of Life, Gender and Social Well-being
- 2.2 Measures of Social Well-being; Healthcare, Education, Housing, Gender Disparity
- 2.3 Public Policies and Social Planning; Five Year Plans and Social Policies in India (Education and Health)
- 1.4 Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

PAPER-503T (Theoretical): **RESOURCE GEOGRAPHY** [50 Marks]

1.0 NATURE OF RESOURCES AND THEIR UTILIZATION

- 1.1 Resource; Concept and Classification
- 1.2 Approaches to Resource Utilization; Utilitarian, Conservational, Community based adaptive
- 1.3 Limits to Growth and Sustainable Use of Resources
- 1.4 Resource crisis and need for Conservation

2.0 LOCATION, DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

- 2.1 Metallic Mineral Resources; (Iron ore, Bauxite, copper)
- 2.2 Non-Metallic Mineral Resources (Limestone, Mica, Gypsum)
- 2.3 Power Resources; Conventional and Non-Conventional
- 2.4 Contemporary Energy Crisis and Future Scenario

■ PAPER-504P (Practical): **SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY TECHNIQUES** [50 Marks]

1.0 IMPORTANCE AND FACETS

- 1.1 Need and Importance of Socio-economic Survey
- 1.2 Selecting and defining a problem, Considerations and dimensions of socioeconomic survey
- 1.3 Survey design, preparation of survey schedules and questionnaires
- 1.4 Sources of error and complication; remedial measures for the eradication of errors in data

2.0 METHODS OF SURVEY AND COLLECTION OF DATA

- 2.1 Methods of Survey: Direct (participatory, interview, biographical, observation, focused group discussion) and Indirect Method
- 2.2 Census and sample survey, sample design, characteristics of a good sample design.

- 2.3 Data Collection and Processing through questionnaire and schedule
- 2.4 Framing of Questionnaires on environmental, social and economic issues

PAPER-505P (Practical): **THEMATIC MAPPING** [50 Marks]

1.0 PHYSICAL ASPECTS

- 1.1 Representation of wind direction by wind rose
- 1.2 Preparation of isoanomalous temperature map
- 1.3 Preparation of slope and dissection index map
- 1.4 Detection of coastline and riverbank shift

2.0 Human aspects

- 2.1 Preparation of flow charts (commodity and Passenger)
- 2.2 Preparation of population Map (density and growth)
- 2.3 Preparation of dots and spheres map
- 2.4 Preparation of Residual maps (economic functions)

PAPER-601T (Theoretical): **GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHT** [50 Marks]

1.0: NATURE OF PRE-MODERN GEOGRAPHY

- 1.1: Development of Geography and contributions of Greek, Chinese, and Indian geographers
- 1.2: Impact of 'Dark Age' on Geography and Arab contributions
- 1.3: Geography during the Age of 'Discovery' and 'Exploration' (Contributions of Portuguese Voyages, Columbus, Vasco da Gama, Magellan, Thomas Cook)
- 1.4: Transition from Cosmography to Scientific Geography (Contributions of Bernard Varenius and Immanuel Kant); Dualism and Dichotomies (General vs. Particular, Physical vs. Human, Regional vs. Systematic, Determinism vs. Possibilism)

2.0: FOUNDATION OF MODERN GEOGRAPHY AND RECENT TRENDS

- 2.1: Making modern Geography: contributions of Humboldt and Ritter
- 2.2: Contributions of Richthofen, Hettner and Ratzel
- 2.3: Schools of Geographical Thought: French, British and American; Recent trends in geography (post war period)
- 2.4: Evolution of Geography in India: formative periods, establishments and emerging trends

■ PAPER-602T (Theoretical): **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING** [50 Marks]

1.0 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1 Meaning, Concept and Scope of Regional Development
- 1.2 Approaches to Regional Development, Theories of Regional Development

(Myrdal and Perroux)

- 1.3 Regional Development in India, Patterns of Imbalance
- 1.4 Planning for Regional Development; Role of Agriculture, Industry and Infrastructure

2.0 REGIONAL PLANNING

- 2.1 Concepts and Types of Regions, Meaning and objectives of Regional Planning.
- 2.2 Evolution of Regional Planning in India, Schemes of Regionalization (Planning Region)
- 2.3 Approaches and Types of Planning
- 2.4 Rural Development Planning Programmes and its impact

PAPER-603T (Theoretical): **REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA** [50 Marks]

1.0 India

- 1.1 Physical set up: Geology and Physiographic Divisions, Drainage systems, Climatic conditions
- 1.2 Soil, Vegetation, Agricultural Regions, Green Revolution and its consequences
- 1.3 Multi purpose River Valley Projects, DVC, Bhakra Nangal
- 1.4 Regional Perspectives: Transport and Communication, Trade Composition and Recent changes

2.0 WEST BENGAL

- 2.1 Physiographic perspective: Land, Forest and Water
- 2.2 Flood and Draught: Incidence, Impact and management
- 2.3 Regional Problem: Darjeeling Hills and Sunderban Area
- 2.4 Population Growth and Human Development patterns

PAPER-604T (Practical): **FIELD REPORT** [50 Marks]

Maximum of two weeks

PAPER-604T (Practical): GRAND VIVA [50 Marks]

PAPER-605T (Practical): **SEMINAR PRESENTATION** [50 Marks]

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