

West Bengal State University  
M.A/ M.Sc. Second Semester Examination, 2024  
Department of Geography  
GEOPCOR08T: HUMAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY

Time: 2 hours

Full marks: 50

Answer four questions, selecting one from each unit.

## Unit 1: Concepts in Cultural Geography

1. ✓ What is 'Cultural Realm'? Describe the major cultural hearths of the world. (1) — 2+8=10
2. Discuss the major outcomes of Acculturation. Briefly elucidate the evolution of cultural landscape. (1) 5+5=10

## Unit 2: Elements of Indian Society

3. Discuss the causes of Dalit Movement in India. Distinguish between *varna* and *jati*. 7+3=10
4. What do you mean by secularism? Discuss the perspective of caste system in India as devised by M.K. Gandhi and comment on its relevance in contemporary Indian society. (1) 5 2+8=10

## Unit 3: Socio Cultural Relations

5. What is meant by 'Network Society'? Analyse the influence of *economic liberalization* on Indian society. 3+7=10
6. Comment on 'cultural materialism'. 'Ecocentrism is an essential solution towards environmental development of a society' — Elucidate. (1) 3+7=10

## Unit 4: Issues of Social Change in India

7. 'Community networks are one of the complementary solutions for bridging the Digital Divide' elucidate. Mention the characteristics of 'Global City'. 7+3=10
8. ✓ What is meant by social change? Discuss how constitutional provisions and their implementation have impacted social change in Indian society. (1) 2+8=10

Internal Assessment = 10

$$6\frac{1}{2} + 6 + 4\frac{1}{2} + 7 = 24 + 6 = 30$$



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**Unit 1: Concepts in Cultural Geography**

1. What is 'Cultural Segregation'? Describe the cultural regions of the world. 2+8=10
2. What is Cultural Lag? Describe four diffusion waves of culture after Hagerstrand (1971). What are the hindrances of Sanskritization? 2+5+3=10

**Unit 2: Elements of Indian Society**

3. What is meant by Class Typology? Discuss the challenges to National integration in India. 3+7=10
4. Define Cultural Diversity. Explain Srinivas's view of Social Change and comment on its relevance in our society. 3+7=10

**Unit 3: Socio Cultural Relations**

5. How are technocentric approaches being used to solve the problem of climate change? What is meant by 'transitional network and how it facilitates cultural globalization? 6+4=10
6. What do you understand by Modernization Theory? Discuss the factors facilitating social mobility. 3+7=10

**Unit 4: Issues of Social Change in India**

7. What is global village? Discuss the Characteristics of Digital Society. 2+8=10
8. What is social planning? Why human trafficking is considered as an alarming social problem in India? 2+8=10

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**Unit 1: Concepts in Cultural Geography**

1. Discuss the evolution of cultural geography. Discuss some of the cultural processes leading to a Cultural Landscape. 4+6=10
2. Briefly state the concept of cultural hearth in geography. State the process of Cultural Assimilation and Acculturation. 2+4+4=10

**Unit 2: Elements of Indian Society**

3. Identify and discuss the basic indicators of gender development. Why social inequality is considered as a constraint of development? 7+3=10
4. Discuss the causes behind the evolution of Dalit Movement in India. Distinguish between *Varna* and *Jati*. 7+3=10

**Unit 3: Socio Cultural Relations**

5. Explain the difference between 'Lineage' and 'Clan'. Discuss the impact of Sanskritization and Westernization in our Indian Society. 3+7=10
6. "Is ecocentrism anti-human?" — Elucidate. Identify the basic problems of urbanization in India. 4+6=10

**Unit 4: Issues of Social Change in India**

7. What are the main factors affecting social changes in India? How constitutional provisions and their implementation have impacted social change? 5+5=10
8. Define crime. Discuss how Juvenile delinquency is a social problem. What do you understand by active and passive social exclusion? 2+5+3=10

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**Unit 1: Concepts in Cultural Geography**

1. Discuss the process of cultural diffusion and mention the types of diffusion. What are the components of culture? 8+2=10
2. Explain the processes of evolution of cultural landscape with suitable examples. Elucidate the concept of Sanskritization. 6+4=10

**Unit 2: Elements of Indian Society**

3. Identify the challenges related to national integration in India. Mention the racial differences between Scytho-Dravidian and Aryo-Dravidian race. 7+3=10
4. What do you understand by socially disadvantaged groups? Discuss the perspective of caste system in India as envisaged by M.K. Gandhi and comments on its relevance in our society. 3+7=10

**Unit 3: Socio Cultural Relations**

5. What are the major impacts of urbanization in India? Briefly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of modernization.. 6+4=10
6. Analyse the negative impacts of modern technologies on society. Bring out the nature of 'Time Slavery' in IT sector. 7+3=10

**Unit 4: Issues of Social Change in India**

7. Discuss the factors that contribute to the digital divide in India. What are the effects of digital divide? 6+4=10
8. Elucidate the concept of social exclusion. Why human trafficking is considered as one of the alarming social problems in India? 5+5=10

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Answer any one question from the following (within 600 words)

$1 \times 10 = 10$

1. Mention in brief the content of Cultural Geography and discuss some of the cultural processes leading to a Cultural Landscape. 10
2. What do you understand by 'Culture'? Explain with suitable examples the relation between culture and technology. 10
3. Attempt a definition of the tribal social formation highlighting the contradictions. 10
4. Define the rural- urban divide. What are the causes of the division among rural and urban areas? 10

Answer any three questions from the following (within 300 words)

$3 \times 5 = 15$

5. Discuss the causes of cultural diffusion in an area.
6. Distinguish between Material and Non Material Culture citing suitable examples.
7. Distinguish between technocentric and ecocentric views of development.
8. Discuss with examples how the 'jati-varna' system may be considered as a regional cultural phenomenon
9. What are the main factors affecting social changes in India?
10. Discuss about the major factors that lead to human trafficking