CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2026

GEOGRAPHY

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 74

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

i. This question paper contains **31 questions.** All questions are **compulsory.**

ii. This question paper is divided into **4 sections.**

iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 1** are case based questions

iv. **Section B** – questions number **2 to 18** are multiple choice questions

v. **Section C** – questions number **19 to 22** are short answer

vi. **Section D** – questions number **23 to 31** are long answer

vii. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.

viii. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Water Pollution

Water pollution is a source of various water-borne diseases. The diseases commonly caused due to contaminated water are diarrhoea, intestinal worms, hepatitis, etc. The World Health Organization shows that about one-fourth of the communicable diseases in India are water-borne. Though river pollution is common to all rivers, yet pollution of the river Ganga flowing through one of the most populous regions of India has caused great concerns among all. To improve the condition of the river,

National Mission for Clean Ganga was initiated. The Namami Gange Programme has been launched for the same.

(1) Describe the main cause of water pollution.

[1 Marks]

(2) Mention any two features of the Namami Gange Programme.

[1 Marks]

(3) Explain the impact of water pollution on human health.

[1 Marks]

Section B

Question 2.

Which of the following is one of the main objectives of ‘human development’ ? Choose the most appropriate option.

[1 Marks]

(A) Wealthy life

(B) Meaningful life

(C) Healthy life

(D) Long life

Question 3.

Which of the following aspects are true regarding the countries with low level of ‘human development’ ? Choose the most appropriate option.

I. These countries are largely facing political turmoil.

II. These countries are facing social instability.

III. The number of countries in the low level category is the largest.

IV. The health status of the people of these countries is poor.

[1 Marks]

(A) Only I, II and III are correct

(B) Only I, III and IV are correct

(C) Only I, II and IV are correct

(D) Only II, III and IV are correct

Question 4.

Which one of the following types of ports is categorised on the basis of function ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Comprehensive port

(B) Inland port

(C) Oil port

(D) Out port

Question 5.

Which of the following are the true characteristics of cottage manufacturing ? Choose the most appropriate option.

I. The artisans use local raw materials.

II. The products of these units are supplied at distant markets.

III. Most of the times, the family members work in these units.

IV. The finished products like mats, bricks, pottery, etc. are some important examples.

[1 Marks]

(A) Only II, III and IV are correct.

(B) Only I, II and IV are correct.

(C) Only I, III and IV are correct.

(D) Only I, II and III are correct.

Question 6.

Which of the following is a product of forest-based industry ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Leather

(B) Cotton

(C) Tea

(D) Paper

Question 7.

Which of the following factors are involved in large-scale manufacturing ? Choose the most appropriate option.

I. Variety of raw material

II. Advanced technology

III. Semi-skilled worker

IV. Large investment

[1 Marks]

(A) Only I, II and III are correct.

(B) Only I, III and IV are correct.

(C) Only II, III and IV are correct.

(D) Only I, II and IV are correct.

Question 8.

Which one of the following is not the base of ‘international trade’ ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Level of transport development

(B) Social diversity in the country

(C) Stage of economic development

(D) Differences in national resources

Question 9.

Match Column I with Column II correctly and choose the most appropriate option :

[1 Marks]

	Column I (Type of Port)		*Column II (Example)*
a.	Packet station	i.	Kochi
b.	Naval port	ii.	Copenhagen
c.	Port of call	iii.	Dover
d.	Entrepot port	iv.	Honolulu

Options :

(A) a-iii, b-i, c-iv, d-ii

(B) a-iii, b-i, c-ii, d-iv

(C) a-i, b-ii, c-iii, d-iv

(D) a-i, b-ii, c-iv, d-iii

(A) A

(B) B

(C) D

(D) C

Question 10. During which one of the following decades, the population growth in India was negative ?

[1 Marks]

(A) 1911 to 1921

(B) 1951 to 1961

(C) 1931 to 1941

(D) 1971 to 1981

Question 11.

Which of the following set of states have the lowest percentage of urban population ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Bihar and Himachal Pradesh

(B) Punjab and Gujarat

(C) Madhya Pradesh and Kerala

(D) Goa and Maharashtra

Question 12.

Which one of the following set of places are connected by the ‘Atal Tunnel’ ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Shimla and Lahaul-Spiti

(B) Shimla and Manikaran

(C) Manali and Lahaul-Spiti

(D) Manali and Manikaran

Question 13.

Which one of the following organisations constructed the Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation

(B) Oil Authority of India Limited

(C) Gas Authority of India Limited

(D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

Question 14. The Watershed Management Programme in Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh was funded by which one of the following ministries ?

[1 Marks]

(A) Ministry of Agriculture

(B) Ministry of Human Development

(C) Ministry of Finance

(D) Ministry of Urban Development

Question 15.

Which one of the following has classified ‘wastelands’ in India ?

[1 Marks]

(A) National Remote Sensing Centre

(B) Regional Remote Sensing Centres

(C) Indian Institute of Remote Sensing

(D) Indian Space Research Organisation

Question 16.

Which one of the following countries is ranked the best in Human Development Index ?

[1 Marks]

Human Development Index of Selected Countries (2022)

S. No.	*Country*	*HDI Value (2022)*
1.	Bhutan	0·681
2.	Bulgaria	0·799
3.	Mauritius	0·796
4.	Singapore	0·949
5.	Sweden	0·952
6.	Venezuela	0·699

(A) Mauritius

(B) Bhutan

(C) Bulgaria

(D) Singapore

Question 17.

Arrange the following countries in descending order of their HDI and choose the correct option.

I. Mauritius

II. Singapore

III. Sweden

IV. Venezuela

[1 Marks]

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(A) III, II, IV, I

(B) III, II, I, IV

(C) II, III, I, IV

(D) II, III, IV, I

Question 18.

Which continent has the highest number of countries in the given table ?

[1 Marks]

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(A) Asia

(B) Europe

(C) Africa

(D) South America

Section C

Question 19.

Explain the concept of ‘neo-determinism’

[3 Marks]

Question 20.

“The adolescent people of India have high potential but they are quite vulnerable.” Explain the statement.

[3 Marks]

Question 21.

“The Indian government formulated the National Policy for Skill Development.” Explain the need for the policy.

[3 Marks]

Question 22.

Explain the characteristics of clustered rural settlements in India.

[3 Marks]

Section D

Question 23.

“Quaternary activities are based on specialised knowledge and skill.” Justify the statement by giving suitable arguments.

[5 Marks]

Question 24.

“Roads play a vital role in trade and commerce of a country across the world.” Support the statement with examples.

[5 Marks]

Question 25.

“Railways are a mode of land transport for bulky goods and passengers over long distances in the world.” Support the statement with examples.

[5 Marks]

Question 26.

‘‘Metro rail has revolutionised the urban transport system in India.’’ Support the statement with examples.

[5 Marks]

Question 27.

‘‘Among all the personal communication systems, Internet is the most effective and advanced one in India.’’ Support the statement with examples.

[5 Marks]

Question 28.

Examine the agricultural development in India since independence.

[5 Marks]

Question 29.

Examine the various problems of Indian agriculture.

[5 Marks]

Question 30.

“Non-conventional energy sources are equitably distributed in India.” Justify the statement with suitable arguments.

[5 Marks]

Question 31.

“The conventional sources of energy need to be replaced due to their exhaustibility.” Justify the statement with suitable arguments.

[5 Marks]