

**BATCH II - GEOGRAPHY
OPTIONAL TEST SCHEDULE
(MAINS ASPIRANTS 2026)**



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BATCH II - GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL TEST SERIES – 2026

Dear Students,

- The Geography Optional Test Series 2026 Batch 2 is designed for the Candidates appearing for the Mains 2027 Examination.
- The Test Series Program has 16 Sectional Tests and 4 Full Tests.
- The Sectional Tests would be conducted for 125 marks. The syllabus has been broken into manageable chunks to enable the student to prepare meticulously and strengthen their foundation.
- The 4 Full Tests would be conducted for 250 Marks.
- In the Orientation for the Test series an analysis of the previous year questions would be conducted for preparing for this year's Mains.
- Each Test would be followed by a Discussion where answer writing methods and diagrams are discussed. The Discussion would also have Value Addition Topics discussed which are part of the Current Affairs.
- If you are attending the Test Series online, along with written feedback, phone feedback would be provided on request.
- Orientation Date and Time: June 19rd, 2026, 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

For the 16 Sectional Tests

- **Test Timing:** 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Test Discussion:** 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For the 4 Full Tests,

- **Test Timing:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Test Discussion:** 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- **Fees:** Rs. 8000



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TEST	SYLLABUS
Test 1 July 3rd, 2026	Climatology: Temperature and pressure belts of the world; Heat budget of the Earth; Atmospheric Circulation: Atmospheric Stability and Instability; Planetary and Local Winds; Monsoons and Jet Streams; Air masses and Frontogenesis; Temperate and Tropical cyclones; Types and Distribution of Precipitation; Weather and Climate; Koeppen, Thornthwaite, Trewartha classification of world climate; Hydrological Cycle; Global Climatic Change; Role and response of Man in climate change; Applied Climatology and Urban Climate
Test 2 July 17th, 2026	Oceanography: Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans; Temperature and Salinity of the oceans; Heat and Salt budget; Ocean deposits; Waves, currents and Tides; Marine Resources; Biotic, Mineral and Energy Resources; Coral Reefs, coral bleaching; Sea Level change; Law of the Sea and Marine Pollution
Test 3 July 31st, 2026	Geomorphology: Factors controlling landform development; Endogenetic and Exogenetic Forces; Origin and Evolution of the Earth's crust; Fundamentals of Geomagnetism; Physical conditions of the earth's interior; Geosynclines; Continental Drift; Isostasy; Plate Tectonics; Recent views on Mountain Building; Vulcanicity; Earthquakes and Tsunamis; Concepts of Geomorphic Cycles and Landscape Development; Denudation Chronology; Channel Morphology; Erosion Surfaces; Slope Development; Applied Geomorphology; Geohydrology, Economic Geology and Environment
Test 4 August 7th, 2026	Biogeography: Genesis of soils; Classification and Distribution of soils; Soil profile; Soil Erosion, Degradation and Conservation; Factors influencing world distribution of plants and animals; Problems of Deforestation and conservation measures; Social and AgroForestry; Wild life; Major gene pool centers. Environmental Geography: Principle of ecology; Human Ecological Adaptations; Influence of Man on Ecology and



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TEST	SYLLABUS
	Environment; Global and Regional Ecological Changes and Imbalances; Ecosystem their management and conservation; Environmental degradation, management and conservation; Biodiversity and Sustainable development; Environmental Policy; Environmental Hazards and Remedial Measures; Environmental Education and Legislation
Test 5 August 14th, 2026	Indian Geography: Physical Setting: Space Relationship of India with neighboring countries; Structure and Relief; Drainage systems and Watersheds; Physiographic regions; Natural Vegetation; Soil Types and Their Distribution; Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns, Tropical cyclones and Western Disturbances; Floods and Droughts; Climatic regions.
Test 6 August 21st, 2026	Economic Geography: World Economic Development: Measurement and Problems; World Resources and their distribution; Energy crisis; Limits to Growth; World Agriculture; Typology of Agricultural regions; Agricultural inputs and productivity; Food and Nutrition Problems; Food Security; Famine: Causes, Effects and Remedies; World Industries; Locational Patterns and Problems; Patterns of World Trade Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Von Thunen's Model of Agricultural Location; Weber's model of Industrial Location; System analysis in Human Geography.
Test 7 August 28th, 2026	Regional Planning: Concept of Region; Types of regions and Methods of Regionalisation; Growth Centres and Growth Poles; Regional Imbalances; Regional Development Strategies; Environmental Issues in Regional Planning; Planning for Sustainable Development Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Theories of Perroux and Boudeville; Rostow's Model of Stages of Growth.



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Test 8 September 4th, 2026	<p>Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Laws of International Boundaries and Frontiers; Heartland and Rimland Theories.</p> <p>Indian Geography:</p> <p>Political Aspects: Geographical Basis of Indian Federalism; State reorganization; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and inter state issues; International Boundary of India and related issues; Cross border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean Realm</p>
Test 9 September 11th, 2026	<p>Perspectives in Human Geography: Areal differentiation; regional synthesis; Dichotomy and Dualism; Environmentalism; Quantitative Revolution and Location Analysis; Radical, Behavioural, Human and Welfare Approaches; Languages, Regions and Secularisation; Cultural Regions of the World; Human Development Index</p>
Test 10 September 18th, 2026	<p>Indian Geography:</p> <p>Resources: Land, surface and groundwater, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources; Forest and wildlife resources and their conservation; Energy Crisis</p> <p>Agriculture: Infrastructure, Irrigation, Seeds, Fertilizers, Power; Institutional Factors: Land holdings, Land tenure and Land reforms; Cropping Pattern, Agricultural Productivity, Agricultural Intensity, Crop combination, Land capability; Agro and Social Forestry; Green Revolution and its socioeconomic and ecological implications; Significance of Dry Farming; Livestock resources and White Revolution; Aqua-culture; Sericulture, Apiculture and Poultry; Agricultural Regionalisation; Agro-climatic zones; Agro-ecological regions</p>
Test 11	<p>Indian Geography</p>



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September 25th, 2026	<p>Resources: Energy and Mineral Resources; Energy Crisis</p> <p>Industry: Evolution of Industries; Location factors of Cotton, Jute, Textile, Iron and Steel, Aluminium, Fertilizer, Paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage and agro-based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public sector undertakings; Industrial regionalisation; New industrial policies; Multinationals and Liberalization; Special Economic Zones; tourism including eco-tourism</p>
Test 12 October 9th, 2026	<p>Transport, Communication and Trade: Road, Railway, Waterway, Airway and Pipeline Networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of Ports on national and Foreign Trade; Trade Balance; Trade Policy; Export Processing Zones; Developments in Communication and Information Technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian Space Program</p>
Test 13 October 16th, 2026	<p>Population: Growth and Distribution of World Population; Demographic Attributes; Causes and consequences of migration; concepts of over-under-and optimum population; Population theories, world population problems and policies, Social Well-being and quality of life; population as social capital;</p> <p>Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Malthusian, Marxian and Demographic Transition Models.</p>
Test 14 October 23rd, 2026	<p>Settlement Geography: Types and patterns of rural settlements; Environmental issues in rural settlements; Hierarchy of urban settlements; Urban morphology; concepts of primate city and rank-size rule; functional classification of towns; Sphere of urban influence; Rural-urban fringe; Satellite towns; Problems and Remedies of Urbanisation; Sustainable development of cities</p> <p>Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography: Central Place Theory of Christaller and Losch</p>
Test 15 October 30th,	<p>Indian Geography:</p> <p>Cultural Setting: Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial, linguistic and Ethnic Diversities; Religious minorities;</p>



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2026	<p>Major Tribes, Tribal Areas and their problems; Cultural Regions; Growth, distribution and density of Population; Demographic Attributes: Sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio; longevity; migration (inter-regional, intra-regional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators</p> <p>Settlements: Types, patterns and morphology of rural settlements; urban developments; Morphology of Indian Cities; Functional Classification of Indian Cities; Conurbations and Metropolitan regions; Urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; Town Planning; Problems of Urbanization and Remedies</p>
Test 16 November 6th, 2026	<p>Regional Development and Planning: Experience of regional planning in India; Five year plans; Integrated rural development programmes; Panchayat raj and decentralized planning; command area development, watershed development; planning for backward area, desert, drought prone, hill, tribal area development; multi-level planning; regional planning and development of island territories</p> <p>Contemporary Issues: Ecological issues: Environmental Hazards; Landslides, Earthquake, Tsunamis, floods and droughts; epidemics; Issues relating to environmental pollution; Changes in patterns of land use; Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management; population explosion and food security; environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification and soil erosion; Problems of agrarian and industrial unrest; regional disparities in economic development; concept of sustainable growth and development; environmental awareness; linkage of rivers; Globalization and Indian economy</p>



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TEST	SYLLABUS
Test 17 November 20th, 2026	Paper 1 Full Test
Test 18 November 27th, 2026	Paper 2 Full Test
Test 19 December 11th, 2026	Paper 1 Mock Test
Test 20 December 18th, 2026	Paper 2 Mock Test