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Short Answer Type

1. Mention one similarity and one difference between India and Australia with respect to their extent and area.

Answer

2. a. Which river is known as the 'Dakshin Ganga' ? Why ?

b. Name any two tributaries of this river.

Answer

3. What is market gardening ? Mention any two factors that have contributed to the increasing importance of market gardening in India.

Answer

4. What is the difference between Agro - forestry and Commercial farm forestry ?

Answer

5. The average density of population in India according to 2001 census is 324 per sq. km. Explain why West Bengal has a density of 904 per sq. km whereas Arunachal Pradesh has a density of only 13 per sq. km.

Answer

6. What is thermal power ? Mention two drawbacks of thermal power.

Answer

7. Name the raw materials used in the manufacture of synthetic fibres. State two advantages of synthetic fibres.

Answer

8. a. What are the two terminal town of the G.T. Roads ?

b. Mention two disadvantages of road transport.

Answer

9. State any two factors that have contributed to the development of the Mumbai - Pune industrial region.

Answer

10. i. What is the difference between a 'burst and a break' in the monsoons?

ii. Explain why rainfall decreases eastwards in peninsular India and westwards in the northern plains of India.

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11. How does vegetation vary according to the altitude in the mountain forests?

Answer

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(T = Mean monthly Temperature in °C; R = Average monthly Rainfall in millimetres)

- i. Account for the difference in the rainfall regimes of the two cities .
 - ii. Why is the temperature lower during the months of July - September for city A and December - January for city B ?
 - iii. Mention three differences between the tropical evergreen forest and the tropical deciduous forests. [Answer](#)
13. i. Why is 1921 considered to be a special year in the democratic history of India ?
- ii. Compare the population growth rates of India and China in the last decade. What is the implication of this difference ?

Answer

14. i. What is migration ?
- ii. Mention two differences between rural and urban settlements.

Answer

15. i. What is a metropolis ?
- ii. Discuss six problems of urbanization of Kolkata.

Answer

16. i. Give three reasons to explain why irrigation is necessary in India.
- ii. Explain why tube - wells are a popular form of irrigation for the farmers of the northern plains.

Answer

17. i. Compare India and China with respect to:

1. the availability of arable land

- ## 2. the quality of cultivable land

[Answer](#)

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18. i. What is the difference between wet and dry farming ?

ii. Name a wet crop and a dry crop.

[Answer](#)

19. How does rice cultivation differ in India and Japan with respect to the methods of cultivation and areas of growth ?

[Answer](#)

20. i. What is difference between fish preservation and fish conservation ?

ii. What measures are being undertaken for the development of fishing in India ?

[Answer](#)

21. Road and rail transport should be complementary to each other. Discuss.

[Answer](#)

22. Account for the southward shift of the sugar industry in India.

[Answer](#)

23. i. What is the importance of the readymade garments segment of this industry ?

ii. What determines the location of the ready-made garment segment of this industry ?

[Answer](#)

24. Why is the plastic industry called a 'Sunrise' industry ? Name two commonly used products of this industry.

[Answer](#)

25. i. Why are fertilizers factories located near oil refineries ?

ii. What impact did the chemical fertilizer industry have on the 'Green Revolution' ?

[Answer](#)

26. i. Why are the rivers of the northern mountainous region important for generating hydro - electric power ?

ii. Name two areas that have a high hydel power generating potential.

[Answer](#)

27. What are the following?

i. Mumbai High

28. Give two reasons to explain why the generation of nuclear power has not developed in the developing countries in the world ?
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Answer

29. With reference to the Kanara Coastal Zone, name the following :

- i. One Manganese producing area.
- ii. A city with an oil refinery.
- iii. The two terminal towns of the National Highway No 17.

Answer

30. i. Give reasons to explain why the Kanara coastal zone lacks transport facilities.
- ii. What factors have made agriculture the most important occupation of this regions ? Name any two agricultural products of the area.

Answer

31. i. Name any two important mineral resources of the Bastar district.
- ii. Why are these resources not utilized to their optimum level.
- iii. Give two reasons to explain why some of the Uplands of the Bastar Developments Block have relatively higher densities of population.

Answer

32. Draw a cross - section of the peninsular plateau showing any four of the following five features:

Deccan Plateau, Western Ghats, Eastern Coastal Plains, Western Coastal Plains, Eastern Ghats.

Answer



Long Answer Type

33. On the outline map of India provided :
- a. Trace the course of and name the longest west flowing river.
 - b. Write 'LP' over an area of low pressure during the winter season.

~~c. Mark with an arrow and name a large indentation of the eastern coast.~~

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f. Shade an area having the largest number of iron and steel mills.

g. Shade the National Capital Region and mark the name the main city.

h. Mark the Mumbai - Chennai side of the 'Golden Quadrilateral'.

i. Mark and name a modern shipbuilding centre in southern India.

j. Name and shade the oil bearing region around the oldest refinery in India.

[Answer](#)