





GEOGRAPHY SYLLABUS 2024-25 (Code No. 029) **CLASS-XI**







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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

Geography is introduced as an elective subject at the senior secondary stage. After ten years of general education, students branch out at the beginning of this stage and are exposed to the rigors of the discipline for the first time. Being an entry point for the higher education, students choose Geography for pursuing their academic interest and, therefore, need a broader and deeper understanding of the subject. For others, geographical knowledge is useful in daily lives because it is a valuable medium for the education of young people. Its contribution lies in the content, cognitive processes, skills and values that Geography promotes and thus helps the students explore, understand and evaluate the environmental and social dimensions of the world in a better manner.

Since Geography explores the relationship between people and their environment, it includes studies of physical and human environments and their interactions at different scales-local, state/region, nation and the world. The fundamental principles responsible for the varieties in the distributional pattern of physical and human features and phenomena over the earth's surface need to be understood properly. Application of these principles would be taken up through selected case studies from the world and India. Thus, the physical and human environment of India and study of some issues from a geographical point of view will be covered in greater detail. Students will be exposed to different methods used in geographical investigations.







LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course in Geography will help learners to:

- Familiarize with key concepts, terminology and core principles of Geography.
- Describe locations and correlate with Geographical Perspectives.
- List/describe what students might see, hear, and smell at a place.
- List/describe ways a place is linked with other places.
- Compare conditions and connections in one place to another.
- Analyse/ describe how conditions in one place can affect nearby places.
- Identify regions as places that are similar or connected.
- Describe and interpret the spatial pattern features on a thematic map.
- Search for, recognize and understand the processes and patterns of the spatial arrangement of the natural features as well as human aspects and phenomena on the earth's surface.
- Understand and analyse the inter-relationship between physical and human environments and utilize such knowledge in reflecting on issues related to community.
- Apply geographical knowledge and methods of inquiry to emerging situations or problems at different levels-local, regional, national and global.
- Develop geographical skills, relating to collection, processing and analysis of spatial data/ information and preparation of report including maps and graphs and use of computers where ever possible; and to be sensitive to issues.
- The child will develop the competency to analyse, evaluate, interpret and apply the acquired knowledge to determine the environmental issues effectively.







CLASS XI

Prescribed Books:

- 1. Fundamentals of Physical Geography, Class XI, Published by NCERT
- 2. India, Physical Environment, Class XI, Published by NCERT
- 3. Practical Work in Geography Part I, Class XI, Published by NCERT

Links for Rationalised 2024-25 NCERT Social Science textbooks:

- 1. https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?kegy2=0-14
- 2. https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?kegy1=0-6
- 3. https://ncert.nic.in/textbook.php?kegy3=0-6

Note:

- 1. The above textbooks are also available in Hindi medium.
- 2. Kindly refer to the latest editions of all NCERT Textbooks.







CLASS XI COURSE STRUCTURE

Book- Fundamentals of Physical Geography

Chapter No.	Chapter name	Periods	Weightage		
	Unit- I Geography as a Discipline				
1	Geography As a Discipline	5	3		
	Unit II The Earth				
2	The Origin and Evolution of the Earth	6			
3	Interior of the Earth	6	0		
4	Distribution of oceans and continents	5	9		
	Unit- III Landforms				
5	Geomorphic Processes	9			
6	Landform and their Evolution	9	6		
Unit-IV Climate					
7	Composition and Structure of Atmosphere	3			
8	Solar Radiation, Heat balance and Temperature	7			







9	Atmospheric Circulations and Weather Systems	7	8		
10	Water in the Atmosphere	4			
11	World Climate and Climate Change (To be tested through internal assessments in the form of project and presentation)	5			
	Unit-V Water (Oceans)				
12	Water (Oceans)	6			
13	Movements of Ocean Water	8	4		
	Unit VI Life on the Earth				
14	Biodiversity and Conservation (To be tested through internal assessments in the form of project and presentation)	4	-		
	Map Work	5	5		
	Total 89				

Book – India- Physical Environment

Chapter No.	Chapter No. Chapter Name				
	Unit-I Introduction				
1	1 India- Location				







	Unit II Physiography				
2	Structure and Physiography	18	40		
3	Drainage System	14	13		
	Unit III Climate Vegetation and Soil				
4	Climate	16	40		
5	Natural Vegetation	14	12		
	Unit-IV Natural Hazards and Disasters: Causes Consequences and Mana	agement			
6	Natural Hazards and Disasters (To be tested through internal assessment in the form of Projects and presentation)	6	_		
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	Total 78 35				

Geography Practical Part I

Chapter No.	Chapter Name	Periods	Weightage
1	Introduction to Maps	6	3
2	Map Scale	6	4
3	Latitude Longitude and Time	8	4







4	Map Projections	10	4
5	Topographical Maps	10	4
6	Introduction to Remote Sensing	10	6
Practical file and Viva			5
Total		50	30





CLASS XI COURSE CONTENT

Fundamentals of Physical Geography

Chapter No. and Name	Specific Learning Objectives	Suggested Teaching Learning Process	Learning Outcomes
1 Geography as a Discipline	To define and understand the scope and nature of Geography as a discipline.	Observe your surroundings and note down the variation in natural as well as cultural phenomena. Discuss with your partner: Geography is the study of "areal differentiation." Project Work Topic: - Forest - as a natural resource. Prepare a map of India showing the distribution of different types of forests. Write about the economic importance of forests for the country. Prepare a historical account of conservation of forests in India with focus on Chipko movements in Rajasthan and Uttaranchal.	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Explain the meaning of geographyas an integrating discipline. State the fields of geography and its relationship with other disciplines. Explain the approaches to study geography.





2 The Origin and Evolution of the Earth	 To acquire knowledge about earth's origin through various theories. To understand various stages in the evolution of the earth. 	 Watch videos of theories (Big Bang etc.) in the classroom through projector. Presentation and interaction about the origin of the earth by students. Students to explore more information related to the topic. 	At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe the Big Bang, Planetesimal theory, Nebular Hypothesis related to the origin of the universe.
3 Interior of the Earth	To understand that the configuration of the surface of the earth is largely a product of the exogenic and endogenic processes operating in the interior of the earth	 Activity: Draw a well labelled diagram to show the interior of the earth. Draw a diagram of a volcano and mark the following parts: a. Magma Chamber b. Vent c. Central Pipe d. Lava flow Draw a diagram to show the intrusive volcanic forms. Case study of earthquakes that occurred in India and Turkey in recent times. 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe direct and indirect sources of information about the interior of the earth. Discuss Earthquakes—its causes and effects, define: Epicentre, Hypocentre, Earthquake waves and its propagation, Shadow zones, Measuring the intensity of Earthquakes. Explain the interior structure of the earth. Explain Volcanoes, its types and volcanic landforms.





At the completion of this unit To describe the theory of On the outline world map mark Distribution of seas students will be able to: continental drift proposed by and label the following: and oceans Alfred Wegner. Provide evidence in support of a. Major plate boundaries continental drift and force for b. Ring of fire To understand the present drifting. configuration of continents and c. Hot spot Volcanoes oceans through plate tectonics Explain Post drift studies, Convectional current theory. theory. Draw diagrams to show Mapping of the ocean floor, different types of plate Ocean floor configuration, boundaries. Concept of sea floor spreading, Case Study: Describe theory of plate tectonics https://www.downtoearth.org.in/ne and different types of plate ws/natural-disasters/out-of-theboundaries. abyss-56977 Trace the movements of Indian Plate. At the completion of this unit To understand various exogenic Prepare a concept map to show Geomorphic students will be able to: different Exogenic and and endogenic processes **Processes** responsible to bring changes in Endogenic Processes. Differentiate between the configuration of the surface of geomorphic processes and Students will prepare concept the earth. geomorphic agents. map on denudational Describe factors that affect soil processes. formation. Study types of weathering: Physical, Chemical, Biological Define the following terms: and their importance for Exfoliation, Denudation, human being. Weathering etc.







6 Landforms and their Evolution	To understand the nature of different erosional and depositional agents and landforms made by them.	 Study types of mass movements and prepare a mind map. Visit nearby landforms and draw sketches. Draw neat and well labelled diagrams of landforms created by running water, wind, waves etc. Watch videos of different landforms created by running water, underground water, glacier, wind, sea waves etc. Find out the advantages and disadvantages of different landforms from the internet. Prepare charts to show different 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe and draw various erosional and depositional landforms created by different agents. Students will be able to compare and analyse various landforms. Locate different landforms (mountains, plateaus, plains) on the outline map of the world.
7 Composition and Structure of Atmosphere	To understand the composition and structure atmosphere.	 Watch a video on the importance of different layers of the atmosphere. Write songs based on different seasons. Draw a neat and well labelled diagram to show different layers 	At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe the composition and characteristics of different layers of atmosphere.







8 Solar Radiation, Heat Balance and Temperature	To understand the heating and cooling of the atmosphere and the resultant temperature distribution over the surface of the earth.	 of the atmosphere and write the importance of each layer. Students to learn about the three different modes of heat transfer—convection, conduction, radiation— with the help of an activity and how they are related to the Sun and life on our planet. Draw a diagram to show the passage of solar radiation through the atmosphere. Study figure 9.4 and 9.5 and write the distribution of surface temperature in the month of January and July. 	 Correlate climate change with Sustainable Development Goals13: Climate Action. At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Differentiate between solar radiation and terrestrial radiation. Give reasons for variability of insolation at the surface of the earth. Explain the heat budget of the planet earth. Describe factors controlling temperature distribution. Explain inversion of temperature.
9 Atmospheric Circulation and Weather Systems	 To understand the general atmospheric circulation and the forces that control the circulation. To understand the meaning of various terms related to the topic. To know the causes and consequences of air circulation. 	 Students may read various theories and articles related to atmospheric circulation and weather system. Students are advised to watch videos on movements of winds: 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe the permanent pressure belts and the prevailing winds. Explain different types of winds. Differentiate between tropical and extra tropical cyclones.







		 The students can be encouraged to prepare presentation on different topics in the chapter. Examine the weather conditions necessary for the formation of cyclones, tornadoes, hurricanes etc. 	Realize how global warming is result of atmospheric pollution and how it can be minimised if not prevented.
10 Water in the Atmosphere	To understand continuous exchange of water between the atmosphere, the oceans and the continents through the processes of evaporation, transpiration, condensation and precipitation.	 Make a list of different forms of condensation and precipitation and define them. Draw diagrams of different types of rainfall. On a world map mark and label areas of heavy, moderate, low and inadequate rainfall. 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Explain the process of precipitation and its different forms. Analyse the variation in the distribution of rainfall in the world.
T1 World Climate and Climate Change (To be tested through internal assessments in the form of project and presentation)	 To define three broad approaches that have been adopted for classifying climate – Empirical Classification, Genetic Classification, and Applied Classification. To Describe various types of climates and their groups/ subtypes. 	 Classify climate based on various schemes by Koeppen with the help of a mind map. Describes the causes and effects of global warming. Evaluate the climate changes in the recent past. 	At the completion of this unit students will be able to: The topic can be presented in class through PPT or Project Work after conducting extensive and guided research by students.



13 Movements of Ocean Water	To define and differentiate between tides and currents.	Mark and label the major warm and cold currents on an outline world map. (As per the given map list)	At the completion of this unit students will be able to: • Explain tides, currents and waves.
12 Water (Oceans)	 To analyse Koeppen's Scheme of Classification of Climate. To explain climate change and related concepts. To evaluate the climate changes in the recent past. To explain water cycle and summarize how an increase in demand for water leads to a water crisis. To Illustrate major and minor ocean floor features. (midoceanic ridges, seamounts, submarine canyons, guyots, and atolls) To describe horizontal and vertical distribution of oceanic temperature. To evaluate the factors affecting the salinity of ocean waters. 	 Draw a diagram to show major and minor features of ocean floor. Study figure 13.5 and analyse the horizontal distribution of salinity in different oceans. Locate and label the major seas on a political map of the world (As given in map list). 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe the basic processes involved in hydrological cycle with the help of a well labelled diagram. Describe the relief features of the ocean floor. Explain the process of heating and cooling of oceanic water and factors that affect temperature distribution in the ocean. Describe the salinity of ocean waters.



	To describe the formation of sea waves.	Draw a diagram of spring and neap tides.	Analyse the economic significance of tides.
	To analyse the importance of tides.		Describe ocean currents and the forces that influence them.
	To classify and describe major ocean currents and its effects.		Distinguish between cold and warm ocean currents.
14 Biodiversity and Conservation	To explain the three major realms of the environment.	Make a list of flora and fauna found in your surroundings and	At the completion of this unit students will be able to:
Conservation	To explain the concept of ecology.	make a scrap book containing information and pictures of at least ten species.	Describe the characteristic features of the biosphere.
	 To analyse the features and types of aquatic ecosystems and biomes, with examples. 	load tell opposite.	Define ecology and related term and explain the need for ecological balance.
	biomes, with examples.		Recognize the abiotic and biotic factors of the ecosystem.
			Compare and contrast the features of five major biomes of the world – forest, grassland, desert, aquatic, and altitudinal.





India Physical Environment

Chapter No. and Name	Specific Learning Objectives	Suggested Teaching Learning Process	Learning Outcomes
1 India- Location	To understand the geographical location of India and its significance.	 On an outline map of India mark all the neighbouring countries and compare the size of India with its neighbours. Make a list of all the states that share common boundary with our neighbouring countries. Mark and label the land boundary and coastline on an outline map of India. On a political map of India mark and label the states and UTs. 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Describe the location of India mentioning the surrounding water bodies. Analyse the implications of living in a country with vast longitudinal and latitudinal extent and its impact on the standard time of India. Explain the vastness of India and the diversity that comes along with it.
2 Structure and Physiography	 To understand the evolution of different geological structures in India. To acquire knowledge about physiographic divisions and their subdivisions. 	 Identify the physiographic and geological region you live in. Discuss the impact of physiography on the development of your region. On an outline map of India mark and label the physiographic divisions of India. 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Explain the evolution of various geological structures in different parts of the country. Describe major physiographic divisions and the processes of their formation.







3 Drainage System	 To understand the drainage system and drainage patterns of Indian rivers. To understand the extent of use ability of river water and the problems associated with it. 	 Have a group discussion in your class about floods-their positive and negative impact. Make a list of east flowing and west flowing rivers of Peninsular region. 	 Locate the major physical features on the map of India. At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Understand the major drainage systems of India. Analyse the causes of river water pollution. Differentiate between Himalayan and Peninsular rivers.
4 Climate	 To understand Indian monsoon: and its mechanism. To list the weather conditions that prevail during different seasons. To analyse the variation in distribution of rainfall in India. 	 Students to mark and label the hottest, coldest, driest and wettest places in India. (on a political map) Students should be made to understand Air Quality Index. (The Air Quality Index is a way for the government to alert people to the quality of the air and how bad the air pollution is in an area or city. Colours are used to indicate the air quality. Green - the air is good. Yellow - the air is moderate 	 At the completion of this unit students will be able to: Discuss the factors affecting climate of the country and its effect on country's economic life. Understand the annual cycle of four main seasons in India. Able to realise the causes and problems of climate changes. Able to understand the concept of Global Warming.







		 Orange - the air is unhealthy for sensitive people like the elderly, children, and those with lung diseases. Red – Unhealthy Purple - Very unhealthy Maroon – Hazardous) 	
5 Natural Vegetation	To understand the relationship between vegetation belts and the climate.	 Students would be able to enhance their communication skills by debating on positive and negative impact of human activities on forest cover and wildlife. To mark all major types of forests on a map of India. Class can be divided into groups to collect information about people's participation in the conservation of forests and wildlife. 	 At the completion of this topic the students will be able to: The students will be able to recognise the importance of forest cover in the country and its spatial distribution. They will learn about number of species of plants and animals in India. They will appreciate the efforts in conservation of forests and wildlife.
6 Natural Hazards and Disasters (To be tested through internal assessment in the	To make students aware about natural hazards and disasters happening in various parts of the country, their impact and ways to mitigate the damage caused by them.	 Divide your class into groups and allocate one disaster to each group. Every group should think of themselves as living in a disaster prone area of their allocated topic. 	At the completion of this topic the students will be able to: Classify different types of hazards and disasters.







form of Projects and presentation)	All groups would give a presentation on causes, impact and risk reduction of that disaster.	Describe causes, effects and mitigation policy for various natural disasters.
	diodotor.	 Identify and locate regions prone to different disasters on the map.
		Understand the concept of disaster management.

Map Items for locating and labelling on outline political World Map **Fundamentals of Physical Geography**

Chapter No. and Name	Map Work
4 Distribution of oceans and continents	 Political Map of all Continents of the world. Major Oceans of the world: Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Southern Ocean Major lithospheric plates and Minor lithospheric plates, Ring of fire (Pacific Ocean), Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
9 Atmospheric Circulations and Weather Systems	 Major Hot Deserts of the world: Mojave Desert- Nevada, US Patagonian Desert- Argentina Sahara- Africa Gobi Desert- Mongolia, Asia Thar desert- India Great Victoria desert- Australia







12 Water(Oceans)	 Major Seas Black sea Baltic sea Caspian Sea Mediterranean Sea North Sea Red sea Bay of Fundy (Canada)-Famous for the highest tides in the world
13 Movements of Ocean Water	OCEAN CURRENTS-Cold currents Humboldt c. California c. Falkland c. Canaries c. West Australian c. Oyashio c. Labrador c. Warm currents Alaska c. Brazilian c. Aughlas c.
14 Biodiversity and Conservation	 Kuroshio c. Gulf stream c. Ecological hotspots Eastern Himalaya, India





Western ghats, India
Indonesia, Asia
Eastern Madagascar, Africa
Upper Guinean forests, Africa
Atlantic forest, Brazil
Tropical Andes

Map Items for locating and labelling on outline political map of India **India Physical Environment**

Chapter No and Name	Map Work
1 India- Location	 Latitudinal extent of India Longitudinal extent of India Standard Meridian of India Important latitude passing through India (Tropic of Cancer) Southern Most Point of mainland of India (Kanya Kumari)
2 Structure and Physiography	 Mountains: Karakoram Range, Garo- Khasi- Jaintia hills, Aravalli Range, Vindhyan Range, Satpura Range, Western ghats & Eastern ghats Peaks: K2, Kanchenjunga, Nandadevi, Nanga Parvat, Namcha Barwa and Anaimudi Passes: Shipkila, Nathula, Palghat, Bhor ghat and Thal ghat Plateaus: Malwa, Chhotnagpur, Meghalaya and Deccan Plateau. Coastal Plains: Saurashtra, Konkan, North and South Kanara, Malabar, Coromandel and Northern Circars Islands: Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands







3 Drainage System	 Rivers: Brahmaputra, Indus, Satluj, Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Damodar, Mahanadi, Krishna, Kaveri, Godavari, Narmada, Tapti and Luni Lakes: (Identification) Wular, Sambhar, Chilika, Kolleru, Pulicat & Vembanad Straits, Bays, Gulfs: Palk Strait, Rann of Kachch, Gulf of Kachch, Gulf of Mannar & Gulf of Khambat
4 Climate	 Area with highest temperature in India Area with lowest temperature in India Area with highest rainfall in India Area with lowest rainfall in India
5 Natural Vegetation	(Identification on an outline map of India) Tropical evergreen, Tropical deciduous, Tropical thorn, Montane and Littoral/ Swamp forests. Wildlife reserves: (locating and labeling)
	 National Parks: Corbett, Kaziranga, Ranthambore. Shivpuri, Simlipal Bird Sanctuaries: Keoladev Ghana and Ranganathitto Wild life Sanctuaries: Periyar, Rajaji, Mudumalai, Dachigam,







Guidelines for Internal Assessment/ Geography Practical

- 1. A practical file must be prepared by students covering all the topics prescribed in the practical syllabus.
- 2. The file should be completely handwritten with a cover page, index page and acknowledgment.
- 3. All practical works should be drawn neatly with appropriate headings, scale, index etc. Data can be taken from the NCERT textbook.
- **4.** The practical file will be assessed at the time of term end practical examinations.
- 5. A written exam of 25 marks will be conducted based on prescribed practical syllabus.
- **6.** Viva will be conducted based on practical syllabus only.
- 7. Written Exam -25 Marks
- 8. Practical file- 03 Marks
- **9.** Viva- 02 Marks





