DECEMBER 2024 **P/ID 4443/PGE4K**

Time : Three hours Maximum : 80 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any TEN questions each in 50 words.

1. State any two recent developments in political geography.

2. What is the functional approach in political geography?

3. What is the significance of natural boundaries in political geography?

4. How do mountains influence political boundaries?

5. What is decolonization?

6. Define a state in political geography.

7. Mention two major political conflicts in West Asia.

8. List the member countries of SAARC?

9. Give two examples of centrifugal forces in India.

10. Name two states that were formed in India after 2000.

11. Why was the Sarkaria Commission established in 1983?

12. Why interstate disputes are considered centrifugal forces in India?

PART B — (5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in 250 words each.

13. Discuss the scope of political geography with suitable examples.

14. Compare and contrast the classical and modern schools of political geography.

15. Explain the role of human elements in shaping political boundaries.

16. How did the Sarkaria Commission influence India's federal structure?

17. Explain the significance of frontiers and boundaries in political geography.

18. Explain the strategic importance of chokepoints in the Indian Ocean.

19. What are the main causes of insurgency in India's border states?

PART C — ($3 \times 10 = 30$ marks)

Answer any THREE questions in 500 words each.

20. Discuss the role of geopolitics in shaping contemporary global conflicts and power dynamics. Provide relevant examples.

21. Examine the role of political geography in managing trans boundary environmental challenges such as river basin management deforestation, and air pollution.

22. Examine the role of geopolitical factors in shaping territorial Conflicts. Provide examples of disputed boundaries and their impact on regional stability.

23. Discuss the geopolitical importance of the Indian Ocean in global trade, security, and strategic affairs. How do major powers compete for influence in the region?

24. Discuss the role of centripetal and centrifugal forces in shaping India's political geography, with examples.

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