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Geography - I

Instructions:

* This paper consists 40 questions.
* Answer all questions on this question paper itself, in accordance with the instructions given for each question.

- For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer from the options provided in the parentheses and write it on the dotted line.

1. The atmosphere is divided into layers based on the pattern of ……..……. change with altitude.
   (Pressure / Temperature / Density)
2. Iron and steel industries were initially located in countries rich in iron ore, coal, and ……..……. deposits.
   (Limestone / Graphite / Mineral sand)
3. Petroleum in Sri Lanka is mostly used for ……..……. purposes.
   (Domestic / Industrial & Commercial / Transportation)
4. ……..……. is a Southeast Asian country where wildfires occur frequently.
   (Indonesia / Australia / China)
5. Montane wet zone forests are found in highlands above ……..……..
   (800m / 1200m / 1400m)

- For numbers **6** to **10**, indicate whether each statement is Correct/True (**T**) or Incorrect/False (**F**).

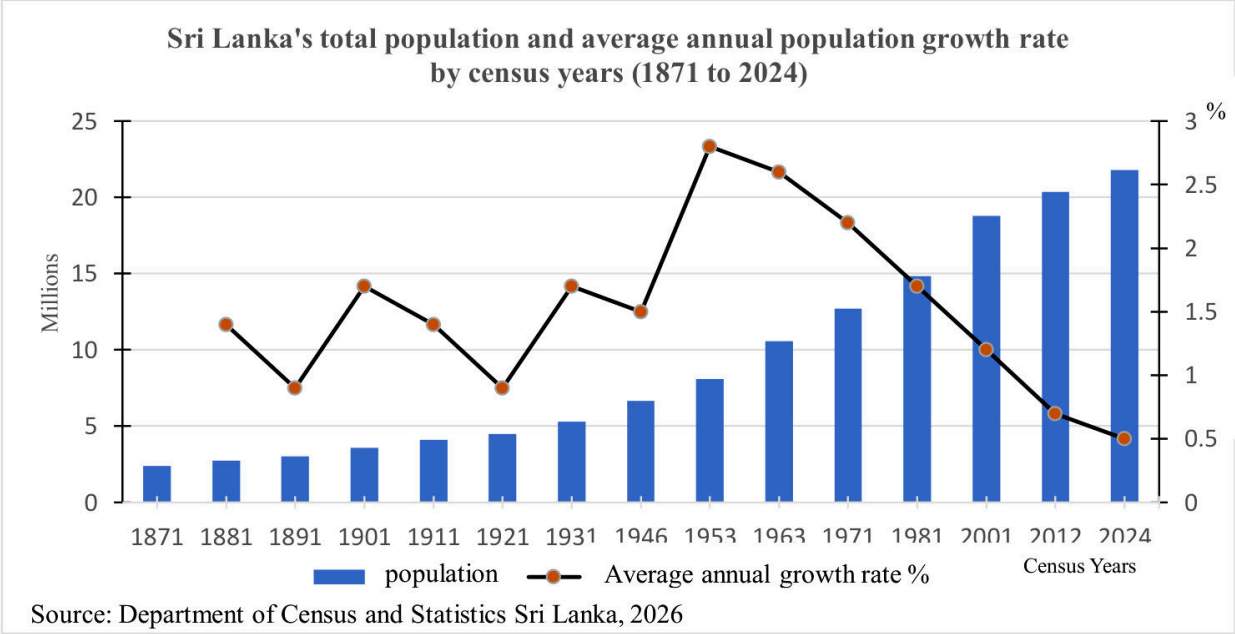
6. The boundary separating the lower mantle outer core is the Gutenberg discontinuity. T / F
7. Fully weathered parent rock material and high organic content are mostly found in the horizon B. T / F
8. Lake Titicaca is considered the largest freshwater lake in the world. T / F
9. Sri Lanka's Agro-Technology Park is located in Gannoruwa. T / F
10. Meteors heading towards Earth burn up in the mesosphere. T / F

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- For questions **11** to **16**, fill in the blanks using suitable words.

11. Cyclones formed in the Central Pacific Ocean around the Philippine Islands are known as .....
12. The ..... reservoir was constructed by damming the Gal Oya.
13. The Timor Sea belongs to the ..... Ocean.
14. According to the 2024 census, the highest population in Sri Lanka is reported from the ..... district.
15. On topographic maps, a full arrowhead represents ..... North
16. Specialization, technological advancement, and division of labor form the primary foundation of ..... industry.

- Study the graph given below to answer the question **17** to **20**.



Source: Department of Census and Statistics Sri Lanka, 2026

17. The highest average growth rate has been recorded in .....
18. Number of years in which a population between 5 and 10 million was recorded is .....
19. The year in which the lowest population was recorded is .....
20. The population growth rate systematically decreases after the year.....

- Questions **20** to **25** feature two columns labeled **'A'** and **'B'**. Write the number corresponding to the correct answer sequence on the dotted line provided, by matching the information in Column **'A'** with the information in Column **'B'**.

21.

'A' **Continent**	**'B'** **Plateau**
1. South America	A. Bié
2. Africa	B. Mongolian
3. Asia	C. Mexico
	D. Brazilian

(1) A, D, C (2) B, D, A (3) D, A, B (4) D, B, A (.....)

22.

'A' Climate Region	'B' Climate Type
1. Temperate	A. Tundra
2. Tropical	B. Monsoon
3. Frigid	C. Arctic
	D. Mediterranean

(1) A, B, C (2) B, C, D (3) C, B, A (4) D, B, A (.....)

23.

'A' District	'B' Area where gem is found
1. Monaragala	A. Pelmadulla
2. Rathnapura	B. Okkampitiya
3. Mathale	C. Elahera
	D. Balangoda

(1) A, D, B (2) B, A, C (3) B, D, A (4) C, D, B (.....)

24.

'A' Energy Generation	'B' Power station
1. Wind	A. Yugadanawi
2. Water	B. Lakwijaya
3. Coal	C. Thambapawani
	D. Wimalasurendra

(1) A, D, B (2) B, C, D (3) C, D, B (4) D, C, A (.....)

25.

'A' Type	'B' Rock
1. Igneous	A. Gabro
2. Metamorphic	B. Diamond
3. Sedimentary	C. Gypsum
	D. Graphite

(1) A, B, C (2) A, D, B (3) B, D, C (4) C, B, A (.....)

- For questions **26** to **37**, select **the correct** or **most appropriate** answer from the given choices and write its number **on the dotted line** provided infront.

26. Which of the following is a characteristic of a tropical rainforest?
(1). Having high biodiversity (2). Absence of clear stratification
(3). Abundance of deciduous trees. (4). Presence of softwood trees. (.....)

27. Select the option that shows a soil type unique only to the Wet Zone
(1). Red Yellow Podzolic (2). Red Yellow Latosols
(3). Reddish Brown Latosols (4). Reddish Brown Earths (.....)

28. Currently, 95% of the world's natural rubber production is supplied by,
(1). European Countries. (2). South and Southeast Asian Countries.
(3). African Countries. (4). South American Countries. (.....)

29. On which tectonic plate are the Japanese islands located?
(1). African (2). Indo Australian
(3). Pacific (4). Eurasian (.....)

30. Select the option that correctly states a problem arising in water usage.
(1). For fishing (2). For agriculture
(3). Minimize of wastage (4). Salinization (.....)

31. Select the option that shows a manufacturing industry that uses vein graphite.
(1). Lubricants (2). Plastic products
(3). Boiler coverings (4). Electrical insulators (.....)

32. Which index is measured using the following criteria?
- Life expectancy at birth
- Literacy rate
- Per capita income adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity

(1). Human Happiness Index (2). Human Pressure Index
(3). Human Poverty Index (4). Human Development Index (.....)

33. Which East Asian country was at the top of the electronics industry field during the period 2000–2010?
(1). Japan (2). China
(3). Taiwan (4). South Korea (.....)

34. Select the option that shows a pair of natural hazards that can intensify due to climate change.
(1). Landslides and Earthquakes (2). Volcanic eruptions and droughts
(3). Epidemics and Tsunami (4). Droughts and Cyclones (.....)

35. Which district has the highest distribution of minor export crops in Sri Lanka?
(1). Gampaha (2). Puttalam
(3). Matale (4). Matara (.....)

36. What feature is represented by a red triangle on a topographic map?
(1). Restaurant (2). Hotel
(3). Tourist Bangalow (4). Trigonometrical Station (.....)

37. Which industrial sector contributes the most to earning in foreign exchange in Sri Lanka?
(1). Textiles and garments (3). Petroleum productions
(2). Gem and jewelry (4). Machinery and equipment (.....)

- Study carefully the pairs of interrelated topics given under **A, B, C,** and **D** below, and answer questions **38** to **40**.

A - 1. Gross National Product
2. Foreign Exchange

B - 1. Conservation of resources
2. Sustainable development

C - 1. Degradation of land
2. Agricultural harvest

D - 1. Education
2. Life expectancy

38. Which of the following pairs of statements shows the decrease in the second when the first increases?
(1). A (2). B (3). C (4). D (.....)

39. Which of the following pairs of topics shows that the first is the cause for the existence of the second?
(1). A (2). B (3). C (4). D (.....)

40. Which of the following pairs of statements shows that the second is the cause for the increase of the first?
(1). A (2). B (3). C (4). D (.....)

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Geography - II

* This question paper consists of two parts as Part **I** and Part **II**.
* Question **01** of Part **I** is compulsory. All three sub-questions **(a), (b),** and **(c)** in it must be answered.
* Four questions must be answered from Part **II**.
* The total number of questions to be answered is **five**.

Part I

01. (a) Study the section of the 1:50,000 topographical map of Sri Lanka provided to you, and answer the following questions based on it. Use the paper provided to write your answers.

- Select and write the correct answer from the brackets for questions **(i)** to **(iv)**.

i. What is the type of natural vegetation indicated by number ①?
(Mangrove / Swamp / Scrub land) (01 Mark)

ii. What is the type of railway line indicated by number ②?
(Narrow gauge / Broad single / Broad double) (01 Mark)

iii. What is represented by feature **A - A**?
(Steep slope / Conical hill / Pass or Gap) (01 Mark)

iv. What is the topographical feature indicated by number ③?
(Spot height / Trigonometrical station / Plateau) (01 Mark)

v. Name the physical feature used to demarcate the administrative boundary. (01 Mark)

vi. Name two cultural features visible within the square number ④. (02 Marks)

vii. Write down the latitude value of location number ⑤. (01 Mark)

- Questions **(viii)** and **(ix)** contain two statements regarding the map area. Read each statement and write **'T'** (True) if it is correct, or **'F'** (False) if it is incorrect, next to the respective question number on the answer sheet.

viii. The length of the road section **X - Y** is approximately 3 kilometers. (01 Mark)

ix. There are about six agricultural crops cultivated in the map area. (01 Mark)

(B). Study the map of the world provided to you carefully and answer the questions given below. Use the boxes adjacent to the map to write the answers.

- There are three English letters in front of the questions from to (v). Select the letter of the correct answer from the map and write in the adjacent box.

i. Lake Chad - Ⓐ,Ⓑ,Ⓒ
ii. Ob river - Ⓓ,Ⓔ,Ⓕ
iii. Turkey - Ⓖ,Ⓗ,Ⓘ
iv. Bay of Biscay - Ⓛ,Ⓜ,Ⓝ
v. Volcano St. Helena - Ⓟ,Ⓠ,Ⓡ (05 marks)

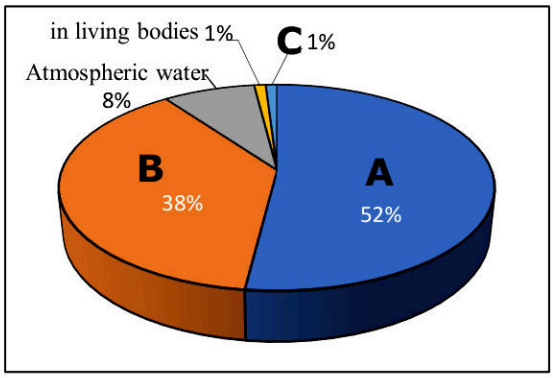
(B). Study the map of Sri Lanka provided to you carefully and answer the questions given below. Use the boxes adjacent to the map to write the answers.

- There are three English letters in front of the questions from to (v). Select the letter of the correct answer from the map and write in the adjacent box.

i. Tea research institute in Thalawakele - Ⓐ,Ⓑ,Ⓒ
ii. Sigiriya - Ⓓ,Ⓔ,Ⓕ
iii. Minor Coconut Triangle - Ⓛ,Ⓜ,Ⓝ
iv. Ánawilundáwa - Ⓟ,Ⓠ,Ⓡ
v. Pulmude - Ⓧ,Ⓨ,Ⓩ (05 marks)

Part II

02.



i. Name B and C of this diagram which shows the distribution of surface water of the Earth. (02 Marks)

ii. State **three** human activities related to the source 'A'. (03 Marks)

iii. Name **three** impacts that can occur due to the deterioration of water quality, and briefly describe **one** of them. (05 Marks)

03.

i. Name **two** products produced by petrochemical industries which are required for agriculture. (02 Marks)

ii. Mention **three** characteristics of the petrochemical industry. (03 Marks)

iii. Explain three ways in which fluctuations in crude oil prices affect the petrochemical industry in Sri Lanka. (05 Marks)

04.

i. Name **two** strict nature reserves of Sri Lanka. (02 Marks)

ii. (a). Name the type of vegetation found in the semi-arid zones in Sri Lanka.

(b). Name **two** distinctive characteristics of that vegetation type. (03 Marks)

iii. State **three** measures taken for wildlife conservation in Sri Lanka, and explain **two** problems/challenges that arise when bringing them into action. (05 Marks)

05.

i. Name the main region where each of the following handicraft is found.

(a). Cane products

(b). Ornamental Bobbin Lace (Beeralu Lace making) (02 Marks)

ii. Mention **three** distinctive characteristics associated with cottage industries. (03 Marks)

iii. Explain with examples, three ways in which handicrafts contribute to the economic development of Sri Lanka (05 Marks)

06.

i. Name **two** traditional districts where rubber is mainly cultivated in Sri Lanka. (02 Marks)

ii. Mention **three** human factors that have affected the distribution of rubber cultivation in Sri Lanka. (03 Marks)

iii. Name **three** problems faced by rubber cultivation in Sri Lanka and suggest **two** solutions. (05 Marks)

07.

i. Name **two** non-natural (man-made / anthropogenic) disasters. (02 Marks)

ii. Mention **three** warning signs / pre-indicators of a landslide. (03 Marks)

iii. Mention **three** measures that can be taken to mitigate landslide disasters, and describe **one** of them. (05 Marks)

08.

i. Name the country with the highest population in,

(a) The continent of South America

(b) The continent of Africa (02 Marks)

ii. Mention **three** common characteristics identifiable in highly populated areas of the world. (03 Marks)

iii. Briefly explain **three** adverse impacts that can occur due to the temporal decline in Sri Lanka's population growth rate. (05 Marks)

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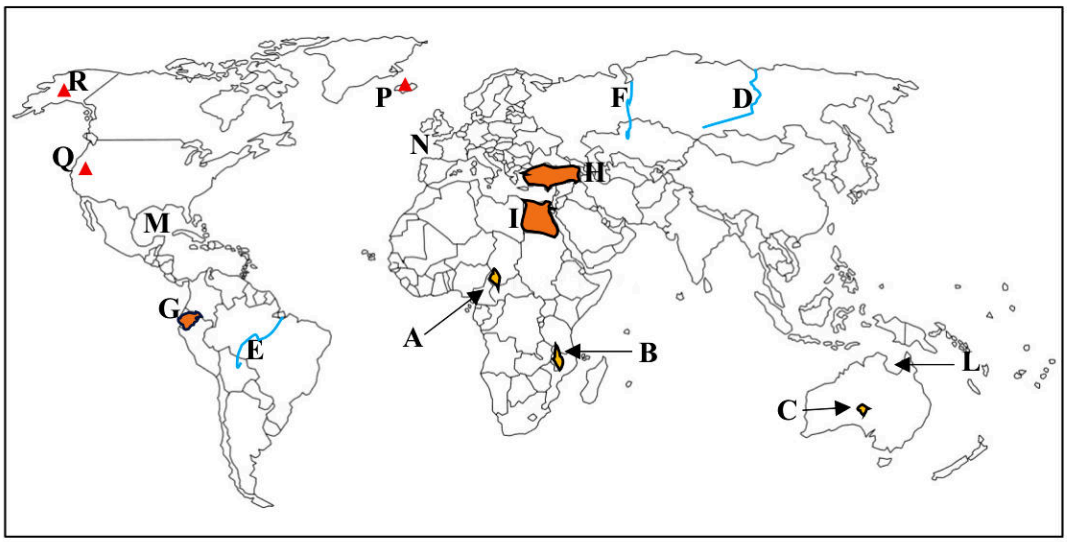
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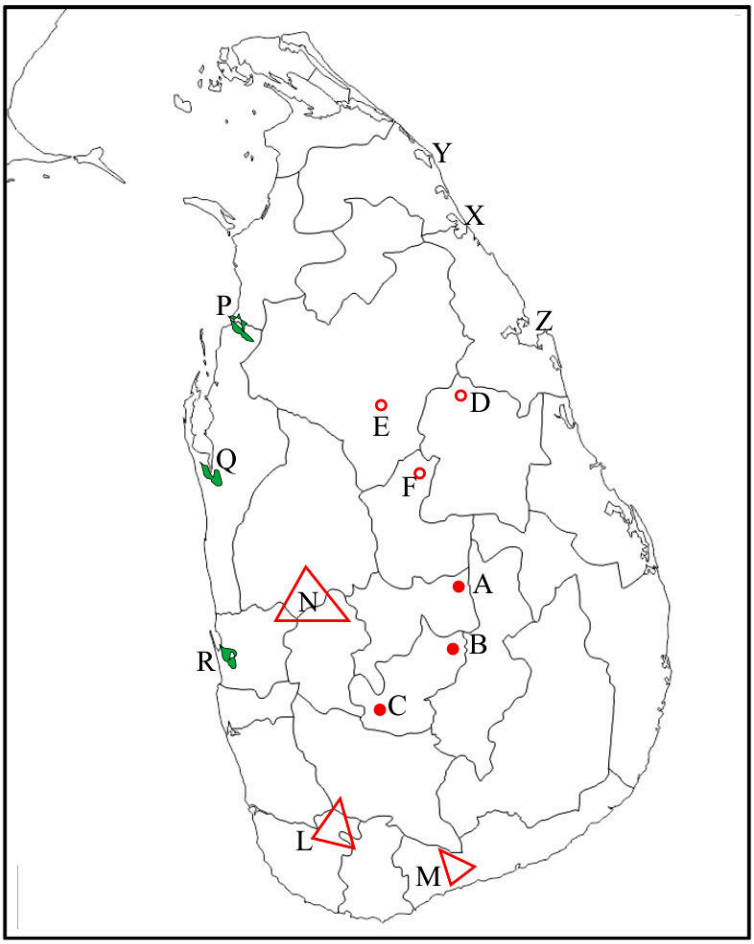
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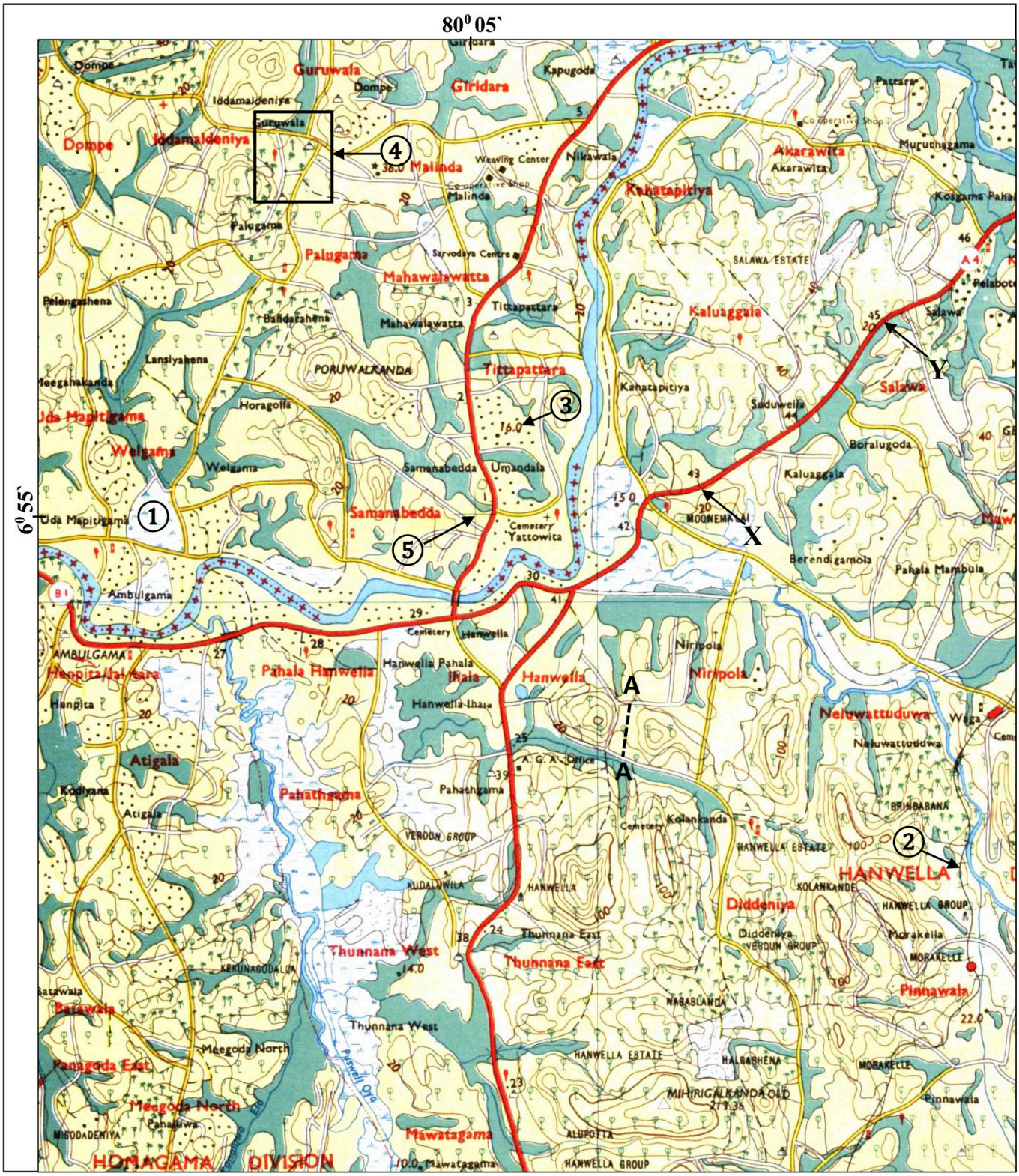
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Use the additional reading time to read the question paper, select questions, and organize the questions to be prioritized when

Geography - I

Instructions:

* This paper consists **40** questions.
* Answer **all** questions **on this question paper itself**, in accordance with the instructions given for each question.

- For questions 1 to 5, choose the correct answer from the options provided in the parentheses and write it **on the dotted line.**

1. The atmosphere is divided into layers based on the pattern of ……**Temperature**……. change with altitude.
   (Pressure / Temperature / Density)
2. Iron and steel industries were initially located in countries rich in iron ore, coal, and ……**Limestone**……. deposits.
   (Limestone / Graphite / Mineral sand)
3. Petroleum in Sri Lanka is mostly used for ……**Transportation**….. purposes.
   (Domestic / Industrial & Commercial / Transportation)
4. ……**Indonesia**……. is a Southeast Asian country where wildfires occur frequently.
   (Indonesia / Australia / China)
5. Montane wet zone forests are found in highlands above ……**1200mm**……..
   (800m / 1200m / 1400m)

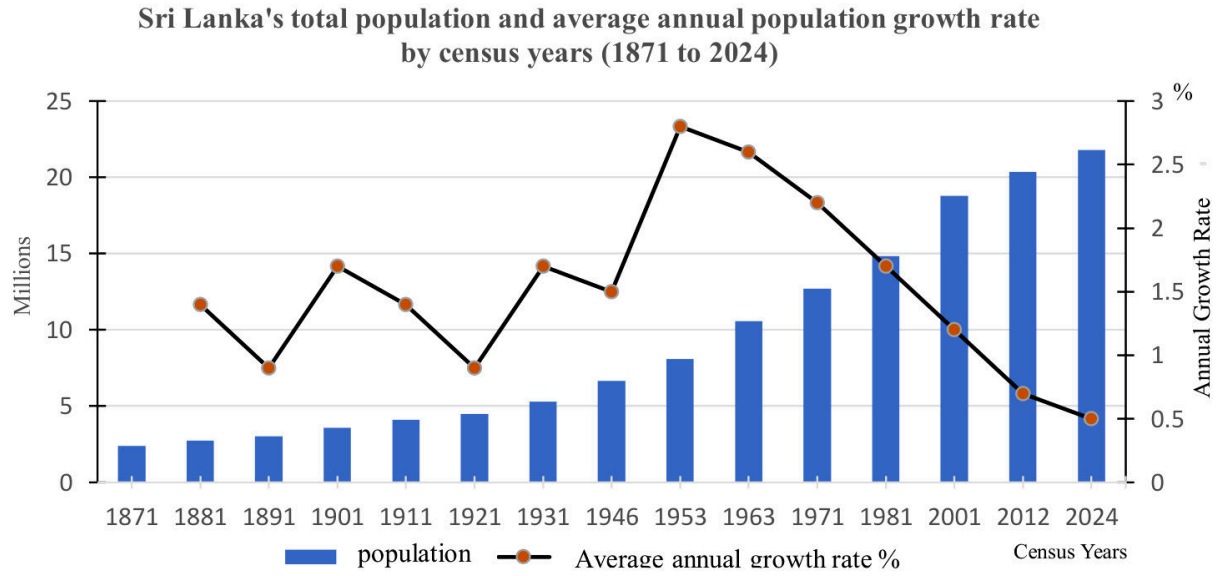
- For numbers **6** to **10**, indicate whether each statement is Correct/True (**T**) or Incorrect/False (**F**).

6. The boundary separating the lower mantle outer core is the Gutenberg discontinuity. (T) / F
7. Fully weathered parent rock material and high organic content are mostly found in the horizon B. T / (F)
8. Lake Titicaca is considered the largest freshwater lake in the world. T / (F)
9. Sri Lanka's Agro-Technology Park is located in Gannoruwa. (T) / F
10. Meteors heading towards Earth burn up in the mesosphere. T / (F)

- For questions **11** to **16**, fill in the blanks using suitable words.

11. Cyclones formed in the Central Pacific Ocean around the Philippine Islands are known as .....**Baggio / Baggioes**.....
12. The .....**Inginiyagala**..... reservoir was constructed by damming the Gal Oya.
13. The Timor Sea belongs to the .....**Indian**..... Ocean.
14. According to the 2024 census, the highest population in Sri Lanka is reported from the .....**Gampaha**..... district.
15. On topographic maps, a full arrowhead represents .....**Grid**..... North
16. Specialization, technological advancement, and division of labor form the primary foundation of .....**assembling**..... industry.

- Study the graph given below to answer the question **17** to **20**.



Source: Department of Census and Statistics Sri Lanka, 2026

17. The highest average growth rate has been recorded in .....**1953**.....
18. Number of years in which a population between 5 and 10 million was recorded is .....**Three / 03**.....
19. The year in which the lowest population was recorded is .....**1871**.....
20. The population growth rate systematically decreases after the year.....**1953**.....

- Questions **20** to **25** feature two columns labeled **'A'** and **'B'**. Write the number corresponding to the correct answer sequence on the dotted line provided, by matching the information in Column **'A'** with the information in Column **'B'**.

21.

'A' **Continent**	**'B'** **Plateau**
1. South America	A. Bié
2. Africa	B. Mongolian
3. Asia	C. Mexico
	D. Brazilian

(1) A, D, C (2) B, D, A (3) D, A, B (4) D, B, A (....**3**....)

22.

'A' Climate Region	'B' Climate Type
1. Temperate	A. Tundra
2. Tropical	B. Monsoon
3. Frigid	C. Arctic
	D. Mediterranean

(1) A, B, C (2) B, C, D (3) C, B, A (4) D, B, A (....**4**....)

23.

'A' District	'B' Area where gem is found
1. Monaragala	A. Pelmadulla
2. Rathnapura	B. Okkampitiya
3. Mathale	C. Elahera
	D. Balangoda

(1) A, D, B (2) B, A, C (3) B, D, A (4) C, D, B (....**2**....)

24.

'A' Energy Generation	'B' Power station
1. Wind	A. Yugadanawi
2. Water	B. Lakwijaya
3. Coal	C. Thambapawani
	D. Wimalasurendra

(1) A, D, B (2) B, C, D (3) C, D, B (4) D, C, A (....**3**....)

25.

'A' Type	'B' Rock
1. Igneous	A. Gabro
2. Metamorphic	B. Diamond
3. Sedimentary	C. Gypsum
	D. Graphite

(1) A, B, C (2) A, D, B (3) B, D, C (4) C, B, A (....**1**....)

- For questions **26** to **37**, select **the correct** or **most appropriate** answer from the given choices and write its number **on the dotted line** provided in front.

26. Which of the following is a characteristic of a tropical rainforest?
(1). Having high biodiversity (2). Absence of clear stratification
(3). Abundance of deciduous trees. (4). Presence of softwood trees. (....**1**....)

27. Select the option that shows a soil type unique only to the Wet Zone
(1). Red Yellow Podzolic (2). Red Yellow Latosols
(3). Reddish Brown Latosols (4). Reddish Brown Earths (....**3**....)

28. Currently, 95% of the world's natural rubber production is supplied by,
(1). European Countries. (2). South and Southeast Asian Countries.
(3). African Countries. (4). South American Countries. (....**2**....)

29. On which tectonic plate are the Japanese islands located?
(1). African (2). Indo Australian
(3). Pacific (4). Eurasian (....**4**....)

30. Select the option that correctly states a problem arising in water usage.
(1). For fishing (2). For agriculture
(3). Minimize of wastage (4). Salinization (....**4**....)

31. Select the option that shows a manufacturing industry that uses vein graphite.
(1). Lubricants (2). Plastic products
(3). Boiler coverings (4). Electrical insulators (....**1**....)

32. Which index is measured using the following criteria?
- Life expectancy at birth
- Literacy rate
- Per capita income adjusted for Purchasing Power Parity

(1). Human Happiness Index (2). Human Pressure Index
(3). Human Poverty Index (4). Human Development Index (....**4**....)

33. Which East Asian country was at the top of the electronics industry field during the period 2000–2010?
(1). Japan (2). China
(3). Taiwan (4). South Korea (....**2**....)

34. Select the option that shows a pair of natural hazards that can intensify due to climate change.
(1). Landslides and Earthquakes (2). Epidemics and Tsunami
(3). Volcanic eruptions and droughts (4). Droughts and Cyclones (....**4**....)

35. Which district has the highest distribution of minor export crops in Sri Lanka?
(1). Gampaha (2). Puttalam
(3). Matale (4). Matara (....**3**....)

36. What feature is represented by a red triangle on a topographic map?
(1). Restaurant (2). Hotel
(3). Tourist Bangalow (4). Trigonometrical Station (....**2**....)

37. Which industrial sector contributes the most to earning in foreign exchange in Sri Lanka?
(1). Textiles and garments (3). Petroleum productions
(2). Gem and jewelry (4). Machinery and equipment (....**1**....)

- Study carefully the pairs of interrelated topics given under **A, B, C,** and **D** below, and answer questions **38** to **40**.

A - 1. Gross National Product
2. Foreign Exchange

B - 1. Conservation of resources
2. Sustainable development

C - 1. Degradation of land
2. Agricultural harvest

D - 1. Education
2. Life expectancy

38. Which of the following pairs of statements shows the decrease in the second when the first increases?
(1). A (2). B (3). C (4). D (**3/C**)

39. Which of the following pairs of topics shows that the first is the cause for the existence of the second?
(1). A (2). B (3). C (4). D (**2/B**)

40. Which of the following pairs of statements shows that the second is the cause for the increase of the first?
(1). A (2). B (3). C (4). D (**1/A**)

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Geography - II

* This question paper consists of two parts as Part **I** and Part **II**.
* Question **01** of Part **I** is compulsory. All three sub-questions **(a), (b),** and **(c)** in it must be answered.
* Four questions must be answered from Part **II**.
* The total number of questions to be answered is **five**.

Part I

01. (a) Study the section of the 1:50,000 topographical map of Sri Lanka provided to you, and answer the following questions based on it. Use the paper provided to write your answers.

- Select and write the correct answer from the brackets for questions **(i)** to **(iv)**.

i. What is the type of natural vegetation indicated by number ①?
(Mangrove / Swamp / Scrub land) (01 Mark)

ii. What is the type of railway line indicated by number ②?
(Narrow gauge / Broad single / Broad double) (01 Mark)

iii. What is represented by feature **A - A**?
(Steep slope / Conical hill / Pass or Gap) (01 Mark)

iv. What is the topographical feature indicated by number ③?
(Spot height / Trigonometrical station / Plateau) (01 Mark)

v. Name the physical feature used to demarcate the administrative boundary. (01 Mark)

vi. Name two cultural features visible within the square number ④. (02 Marks)

vii. Write down the latitude value of location number ⑤. (01 Mark)

- Questions **(viii)** and **(ix)** contain two statements regarding the map area. Read each statement and write **'T'** (True) if it is correct, or **'F'** (False) if it is incorrect, next to the respective question number on the answer sheet.

viii. The length of the road section **X - Y** is approximately 3 kilometers. (01 Mark)

ix. There are about six agricultural crops cultivated in the map area. (01 Mark)

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1· (a) / (ඇ) / (அ)

i.	**Swamp**	1
ii.	**Broad single**	1
iii.	**Pass or Gap**	1
iv.	**Spot height**	1
v.	**River**	1
vi.	**School / Buddhist temple / Minor Road / Home gardens / Jeep track / Footpath / Coconut / Paddy / (any two of these)**	1
vii.	**Northern Latitudes 6^0 55`**	1
viii.	**F**	1
ix.	**F**	1

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(B)Study the map of the world provided to you carefully and answer the questions given below. Use the boxes adjacent to the map to write the answers.

- There are three English letters in front of the questions from to (v). Select the letter of the correct answer from the map and write in the adjacent box.

i. Lake Chad - Ⓐ,Ⓑ,Ⓒ
ii. Ob river - Ⓓ,Ⓔ,Ⓕ
iii. Turkey - Ⓖ,Ⓗ,Ⓘ
iv. Bay of Biscay - Ⓛ,Ⓜ,Ⓝ
v. Volcano St. Helena - Ⓟ,Ⓠ,Ⓡ (05 marks)

(B)Study the map of Sri Lanka provided to you carefully and answer the questions given below. Use the boxes adjacent to the map to write the answers.

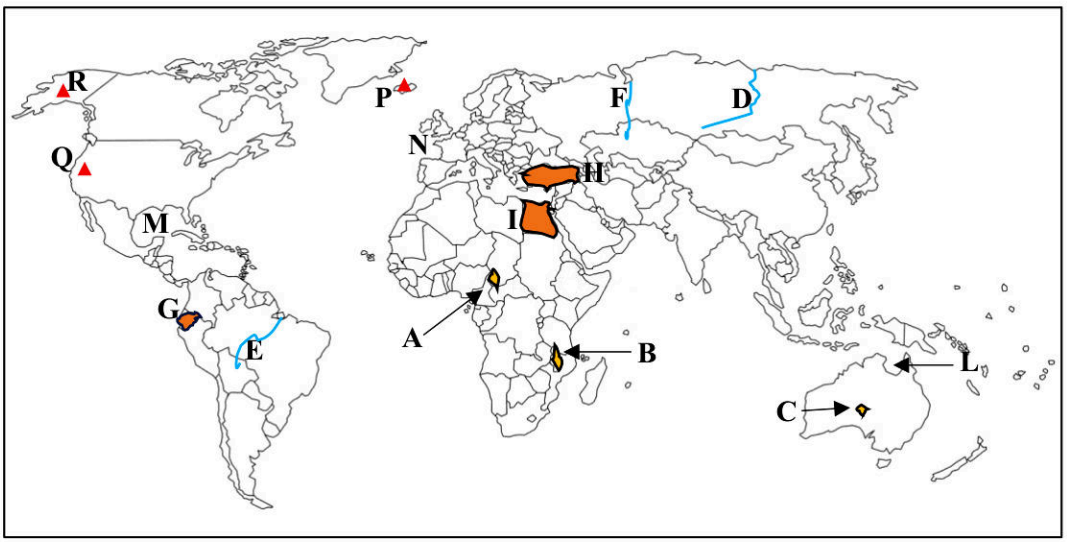
- There are three English letters in front of the questions from to (v). Select the letter of the correct answer from the map and write in the adjacent box.

i. Tea research institute in Thalawakele - Ⓐ,Ⓑ,Ⓒ
ii. Sigiriya - Ⓓ,Ⓔ,Ⓕ
iii. Minor Coconut Triangle - Ⓛ,Ⓜ,Ⓝ
iv. Ánawilundáwa - Ⓟ,Ⓠ,Ⓡ
v. Pulmude - Ⓧ,Ⓨ,Ⓩ

(05 marks)

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(i) A

(ii) F

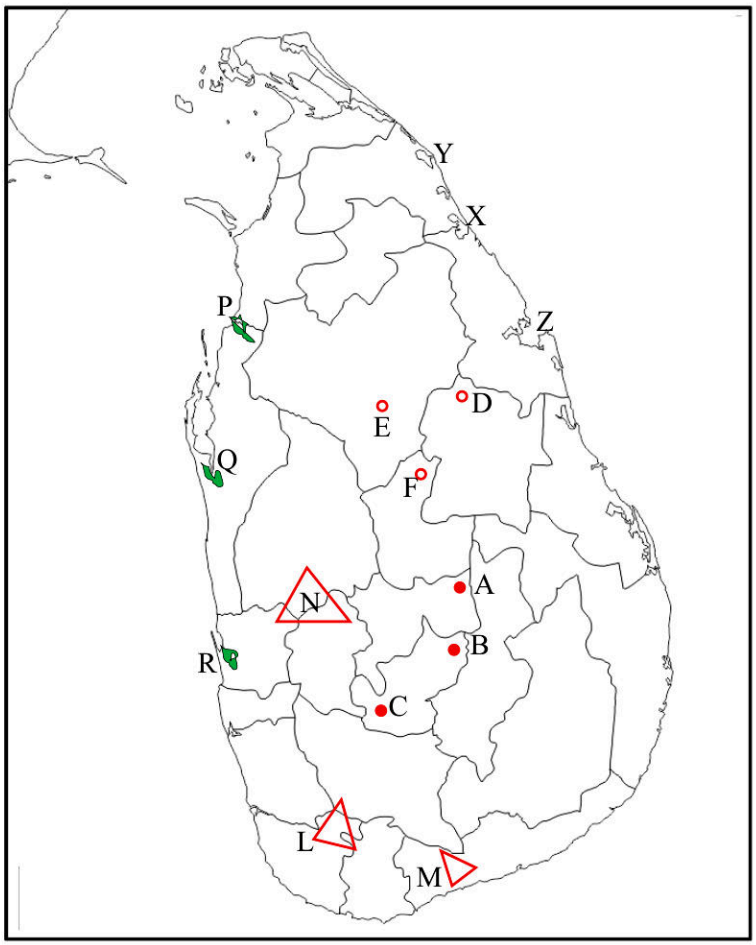
(iii) H

(iv) N

(v) Q

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(ඉ) / (இ) / (c)



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(i) C

(ii) F

(iii) M

(iv) Q

(v) X

5/5

1. (ඵ) (අ) (a) $\frac{10}{10}$ (ඵ) (අ) (b) $\frac{5}{5}$ (ඉ) (இ) (c) $\frac{5}{5}$ $= \frac{20}{20}$

Part II

02.

i. **Name B and C of this diagram which shows the distribution of surface water of the Earth.**

- B - Soil water
- C – River water

(01 mark each if the two sources are named correctly - 02 marks)

ii. State three human activities related to the source 'A'.
(Lake-associated activities must be indicated)

- Fishery Industry – Obtaining fish and other aquatic resources
- Agriculture – Using lake water for irrigation
- Drinking and Domestic Water Supply – Providing water for the public
- Water Usage for Industries – Obtaining water for the production process
- Tourism Industry – Boat rides, leisure trips, sightseeing
- Recreational Activities – Swimming, rowing/boating, fishing
- Aquaculture – Fish and shrimp farming
- Transport Services – Transporting people and goods by boat in certain lakes
- Hydroelectric Power Generation

(01 mark each if three such human activities associated with lakes are correctly indicated - 03 marks)

iii. Name three impacts that can occur due to the deterioration of water quality, and briefly describe one of them.

- Shortage of clean drinking water
- Contraction of various diseases due to polluted water (such as diarrhea, cholera, dysentery)
- Harm caused to aquatic life
- Having to incur high costs for water purification
- Disruption of agricultural activities
- Competition/crises arising for clean water
- Alteration or destruction of ecosystems

(01 mark each for correctly naming three such impacts - 03 marks
02 marks for briefly describing one of them
Total - 05 marks)

03.

i. Name two products produced by petrochemical industries which are required for agriculture.

- Insecticide
- Weedicide
- Fungicide
- Chemical fertilizer
- Plastic accessories and equipment (pipes, seed trays, nursery pots, seed packaging, etc.)

(for correctly naming two such products - 02 Marks)

ii. Mention three characteristics of the petrochemical industry.

- Reliance on crude oil and natural gas for raw material supply
- Use of modern technologies and techniques
- Being a capital-intensive industry
- High technology and complex production processes
- Skilled and specialized labor
- Large-scale production
- Being a basic industry that supplies raw materials to other industries
- Use of strict environmental control measures as it can cause environmental pollution

(01 mark each for correctly mentioning three such characteristics - 03 marks)

iii. Explain three ways in which fluctuations in crude oil prices affect the petrochemical industry in Sri Lanka.

- Increase in goods prices due to rising production costs
- Expenditure of high foreign exchange for crude oil imports
- Disruption of raw material supply due to crude oil import restrictions caused by foreign exchange issues
- Indirect impacts on agriculture and other industries
- Reduction in production volume

(01 mark each if three such impacts are correctly indicated - 03 marks
01 mark each if at least two of those mentioned points are briefly explained - 02 marks
Total - 05 marks)

04.

i. Name two strict nature reserves of Sri Lanka.

- Haggala
- Ritigala
- Yála

(For naming any two of these - 02 Marks)

ii. (a). Name the type of vegetation found in the semi-arid zones in Sri Lanka.

- Thorny bushes and scrublands

(b). Name two distinctive characteristics of that vegetation type.

- Spread across the southeastern and northwestern regions of Sri Lanka
- Abundance of drought-resistant plants as the temperature exceeds 27°C
- Thorns on plants with pointed leaves, and leaves being thick in nature
- Shedding of leaves in many plants during the dry season
- Plants well-adapted to a dry climate
- Presence of plant/tree species such as cactus, aloe vera, Palu, Weera, Eraminiya, Karamba, and Suriya.

(for correctly naming the forest type - 01 mark
01 mark each for correctly stating two prominent characteristics of these forests - 02 marks
Total - 03 marks)

iii. State three measures taken for wildlife conservation in Sri Lanka, and explain two problems/challenges that arise when bringing them into action.

Wildlife Conservation Measure

- Establishment of wildlife reserves and national parks
- Enforcing wildlife and flora protection laws
- Conservation of threatened plant and animal species
- Maintaining animal sanctuaries and protected areas
- Creating public awareness
- Implementing conservation projects in collaboration with foreign and local organizations
- Implementing programs to minimize human-wildlife conflicts

Issues Arising in Implementation

- Encroachment on protected areas
- Habitat destruction due to development activities
- Difficulties in protecting reserve boundaries
- Difficulties in controlling illegal hunting and poaching/smuggling
- Lack of adequate officers and facilities to enforce laws
- Loss of habitats
- Depletion of food resources
- Reduction in genetic diversity
- Lack of sufficient financial and human resources
- Difficulties in monitoring large areas
- Illegal activities
- Low public participation
- Inadequate awareness regarding the importance of conservation
- Difficulties in securing continuous funding
- Coordination issues among institutions
- Ongoing human-elephant conflicts
- Expansion of settlements and agricultural lands into close proximity with wildlife habitats
- Issues regarding compensation and protection mechanisms

(01 mark each for naming three such measures - 03 marks
01 mark each for explaining two issues arising during implementation - 02 marks
Total - 05 marks)

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05.

i. **Name the main region where each of the following handicraft is found.**

(a). Cane products - Radawadunna / Wewaldeniya

(b). Ornamental Bobbin Lace (Beeralu Lace making) -

Areas in Southern province such as Galle, Mathara, Koggala, Weligama

(1 mark for naming each two correct areas - 02 Marks)

ii. **Name three prominent characteristics associated with cottage industries.**

- Mostly relying on family labor
- Use of traditional knowledge
- Carried out inside or near the home
- Being small-scale industries
- Use of small handlooms and simple electrical appliances
- Preservation of cultural heritage through these products
- Involving a low investment
- Minimizing costs
- Location of production sites based on raw materials

(01 mark each for naming three such characteristics - 03 marks)

iii. **Explain three ways in which handicrafts contribute to the economic development of Sri Lanka using examples.**

- Creating employment opportunities
  (e.g., Batik industry, Cane and Reed industry)
- Increasing local income
  (e.g., Pottery, Wood carvings, Gold and Silver jewelry production)
- Earning foreign exchange
  (e.g., Batik products, Handloom textiles, Coconut-based products)
- Rural economic development
  (e.g., Reed and Cane industries in Kurunegala and Galle areas)
- Developing the tourism industry
  (e.g., Masks, Wood carvings, Clay statues)
- Utilizing local resources
  (e.g., Coconut shell items, Pottery, Bamboo and Cane products)
- Small and Medium Enterprise development
  (e.g., Household batik production units, Handicrafts sales centers)

(01 mark each for stating three ways handicrafts contribute to economic development - 03 marks
01 mark each for stating at least two examples - 02 marks
Total = 05 marks)

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6.

i. **Name two traditional rubber-growing districts in Sri Lanka.**

- Kalutara
- Kegalle
- Ratnapura

(01 mark each for naming two of these - 02 marks)

ii. **Mention three human factors that have influenced the spread of rubber cultivation in Sri Lanka.**

- Skilled labor (Local/Foreign)
- Transport and infrastructure
- International market
- Local market
- Government policies and subsidies (Subsidies, training programs, and research services, etc.)
- Growth of the rubber processing industry
- Growth of settlements

(01 mark each for mentioning three such human factors - 03 marks)

iii. **Name three problems faced by rubber cultivation in Sri Lanka, and suggest two possible solutions for them.**

Problems	Solutions
• Price fluctuations for natural rubber in the world market	• Diversification of rubber products • Increasing value-added rubber products (tires, gloves, industrial goods, etc.)
• Competition from synthetic rubber	• Producing high-quality natural rubber • Finding new markets
• Diversion of rubber lands for other uses	• Conserving rubber cultivation lands • Promoting replanting in suitable lands
• Labor shortages	• Mechanization of the rubber tapping process • Providing better facilities and incentives to workers
• Pests and disease damage	• Cultivating disease-resistant rubber varieties • Utilizing proper agro-technical methods • Introducing these methods through the Rubber Research Institute
• Old rubber trees and low productivity	• Planting new high-yielding varieties in place of old trees • Using modern cultivation methods
• Rising production costs	• Adopting efficient crop management methods • Utilizing methods to reduce production costs
• Climate change and adverse weather	• Carrying out cultivation in other suitable regions • Utilizing soil and water conservation methods

(01 mark each for naming three problems - 03 marks
01 mark each for suggesting two possible solutions - 02 marks
Total = 05 marks)

7.

i. Name two non-natural hazards.

- Wars
- Terrorist conflicts
- Accidents (Vehicle, industrial, mining, chemical & toxic substances, nuclear, etc.)
- Building collapses, etc.

(01 mark each for naming two such non-natural hazards - 02 marks)

ii. Mention three warning signs to identify a landslide.

- Sudden appearance of springs or muddy springs
- Drying up of pre-existing springs, water streams, wells, etc.
- Cracks appearing in houses and various buildings
- Cracks or land subsidence occurring on the slope ground
- Tilting of trees, electricity poles, telephone poles, etc., in those areas
- Sudden death of large trees on sloped land
- Changes in water sources at the bottom of slopes
- Changes in the behavior patterns of certain animals

(01 mark each for correctly mentioning three such landslide warning signs - 03 marks)

iii. Mention three measures that can be taken to minimize the risk of landslides, and describe one of them.

- Protecting the vegetation cover on sloped land
- Not obstructing natural drainage
- Following scientific guidance when using sloped land
- Not constructing reservoirs in high-altitude areas
- Not constructing buildings on steeply sloped land
- Taking measures to preserve the stability of sloped ground (e.g., rock walls/bunds, block drains, afforestation, etc.)
- Educating the community

(01 mark each for mentioning three such measures - 03 marks
for describing one of them - 02 marks
Total = 05 marks)

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8.

i. Name:

(a). The most populous country on the South American continent

- Brazil

(b). The most populous country on the African continent

- Nigeria

(01 mark each for correctly naming the two countries - 02 marks)

ii. **State three common characteristics that can be identified in regions of population concentration in the world.**

- Located near river valleys and coastal areas
- Presence of a climate favorable for human habitation
- Accessibility
- Urbanization
- Trade and industrialization
- Presence of a favorable physical environment
- Presence of a favorable environment / physical factors for agriculture
- Being regions with trade and port facilities
- Abundance of educational and health facilities
- Presence of good transport and communication facilities
- Abundance of industries and employment opportunities

(01 mark each for correctly naming three such common characteristics - 03 marks)

iii. **Briefly explain three adverse impacts that can occur due to the temporal decline in Sri Lanka's population growth rate.**

- Increase in the aging population
- Decrease in the workforce
- Slowdown in economic growth
- Increase in the old-age dependency ratio / aging index
- Increase in government expenditure
- Decrease in demand for schools and child services
- Emergence of a population decline trend

(01 mark each if three such impacts are correctly stated - 03 marks
01 mark each if at least two of those points are briefly explained - 02 marks
Total = 05 marks)

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