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SECTION-A

1. There are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and reason (R). Read these statements and choose the correct answer from the given options- 1

Assertion (A): The various passes across the mountains in the north have provided passages to the ancient travellers.

Reason (R): These routes were important for trade and cultural exchange, encouraging travellers to use them for the movement of ideas and commodities.

- a) Both A and R are correct and R is the correct explanation of A.
b) Both A and R are correct but R is not the correct explanation of A.
c) A is correct but R is wrong.
d) A is wrong but R is correct.

2. Match the Columns: 1

	Column I		Column II
A	Standard Meridian of India	i	An imaginary line that divides the Earth
B	Equator	ii	7,516.6 km
C	Tropic of Cancer	iii	Passes through Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh
D	India's coastline	iv	23°30'N

- a) A-ii, B- i , C – iv, D - iii
b) A-iii, B- i , C – iv, D - ii
c) A-i, B- ii , C – iv, D - iii
d) A-iv, B- iii , C – ii, D - i

3. Coastline offers a state several benefits like better connectivity and fishing opportunities. Which of the following states does not have such kind of benefits? 1

- a) Gujarat
b) Andhra Pradesh
c) Odisha
d) **Telangana**

4. Multiple Cropping refers to: 1

- (a) Cultivation of wheat and rice
(b) Cultivation of two crops in alternate rows
(c) **Cultivating more than one crop on the same field each year**
(d) Cultivating crops and rearing animals on the same farm

5. The Green Revolution introduced the farmers to 1

- a) **Cultivation of wheat and rice**
b) Cultivation of green vegetables

- c) Cultivation of sugar cane
- d) Cultivation of forests

6. 'Bigha' and 'Guintha' are 1
- a) The type of village house
 - b) The type of hybrid seeds
 - c) The measuring units of grain
 - d) **The measuring units of land area in village**

SECTION –B

7. Why is the time along the Standard Meridian taken as the standard time for the whole country? 2
Answer: To maintain **uniformity in time** across the country and avoid confusion due to the **east-west time difference**.

8. The Suez Canal is an artificial sea-level connecting the waterway in Egypt, Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea through the Isthmus of Suez and dividing Africa and Asia. How has the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 been advantageous for India? 2
Answer: **India's distance from Europe has been reduced by 7,000 km which helped in the trading.**

9. What are kharif crops? 2
Answer - Kharif crops are those that are planted at the beginning of the monsoon season, typically from June to July, and harvested in the autumn, usually from September to October.

10. What were the non farm activities done in the Palampur? 2
Answer -In Palampur, non-farm activities include dairy farming, small-scale manufacturing, shop keeping, and transportation. Dairy farming involves raising buffaloes and selling their milk, often with collection and chilling centers for transport to larger towns. Small-scale manufacturing is done in the village.

SECTION C

11. Why is the Indian Ocean named after our country? Give three reasons. 3
Answer- The Indian Ocean is named after India because:
 (i) **India has the longest coastline on the Indian Ocean.**
 (ii) **India has a central location between East and West Asia.**
 (iii) **India's southernmost extension, the Deccan Peninsula, protrudes into the Indian Ocean, making it significant for international trade conducted through the Indian Ocean.**

12. What are the factors of production? Explain them.

OR

- ‘Capital is a basic need in agriculture.’ How is it arranged by Indian farmers? Explain. 3
Ans. 1) The four factors of production are land, labour, capital, and entrepreneurship. Land encompasses all-natural resources used in production. Labour refers to the human effort, both physical and mental, used in production. Capital includes man-made resources like machinery, buildings, and tools. Entrepreneurship involves the skills and initiative to organize and manage the other factors to produce goods and services.

OR

In Indian agriculture, capital is arranged differently by small, medium, and large farmers. Small farmers often rely on borrowing from moneylenders or traders, sometimes at high interest rates, while medium and large farmers tend to have their own savings from previous harvests or access to loans from banks.

SECTION D

13. What are the advantages of India's land and sea boundaries? 5

OR

Do you think India should have two time zones because of its wide east-west extent? Give reasons for your opinion.

Answer:

1. India shares land borders with **7 countries**, helping in **trade and cultural exchange**.
2. Long land borders make it possible to **connect by road and rail**.
3. The **long coastline** (7,516.6 km) helps India in **importing and exporting goods**.
4. The sea provides access to **foreign countries** for **tourism and trade**.
5. The coastline also supports **fishing and ship-building industries**.

OR

Answer:

Answer (Sample opinion):

Yes, India should have two time zones because:

1. The **time difference** between Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh is **about 2 hours**.
2. In the northeast, the sun rises and sets much earlier, wasting **daylight hours**.
3. Two time zones would help in **better energy use**, productivity, and school/work timing.
4. Countries like the **USA, Russia, and Canada** have multiple time zones successfully.
5. However, it would need careful planning to avoid confusion in **travel and broadcasting**.

(Alternatively, a student could argue **against** it and support IST for **national unity** and **administrative ease**.)