Social Science

Practice Test Paper 1

Understanding Society: India and Beyond

(Part 2 | Chapter 2: Life on Earth)

Class IX

Time Allowed: 45 Minutes | Maximum Marks: 25

General Instructions

1. All 13 questions are compulsory. The paper has four sections: A, B, C and D.
2. Section A - 5 marks; Section B - 8 marks; Section C - 9 marks; Section D - 3 marks.
3. Choose one correct option in Section A. Write clear, relevant answers in Sections B, C and D.
4. Study the diagrams carefully before answering the related questions.

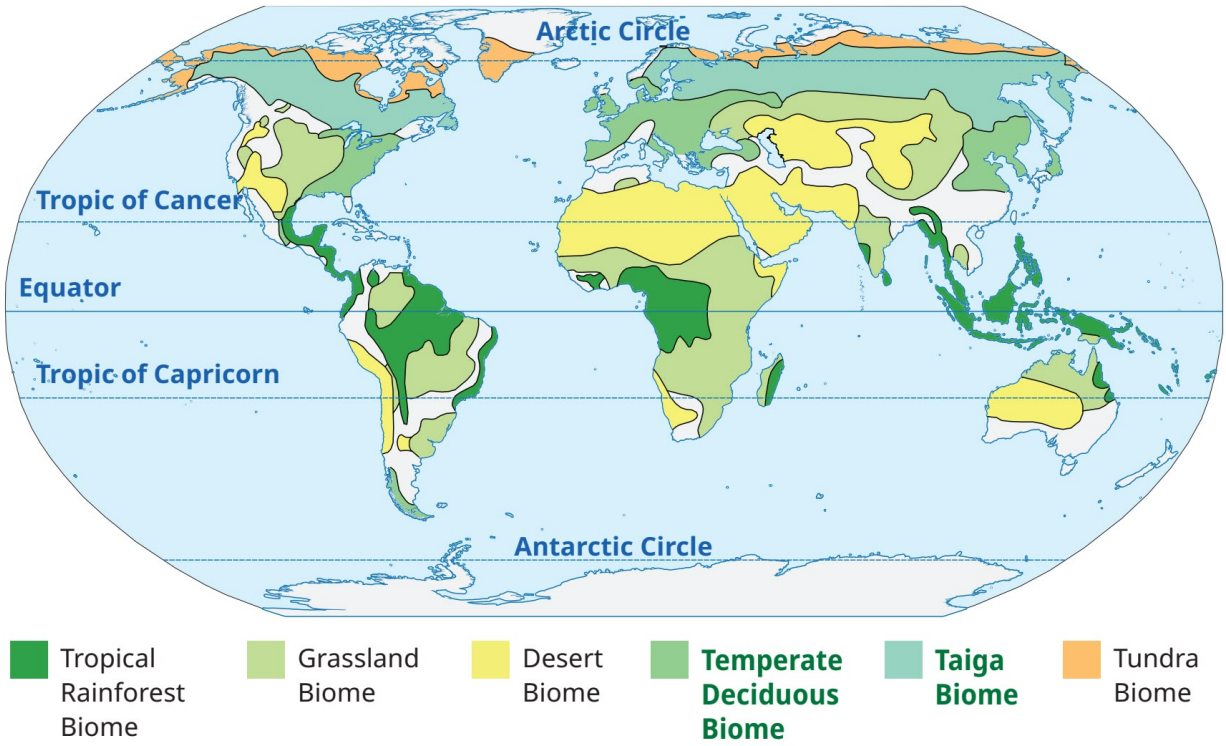
SECTION A

(5 questions × 1 mark = 5 marks)

1. A large natural region with a similar climate and characteristic plant and animal life is called a:

(A) Habitat corridor
(B) Biome
(C) Village commons
(D) Forest product

2. Use the map below. Which biome forms a major belt close to the Equator in South America and Africa?



(A) Tundra
(B) Taiga
(C) Tropical rainforest
(D) Temperate deciduous forest

3. Which pair of climatic factors is most useful for classifying biomes?

(A) Temperature and precipitation (B) Population and trade

(C) Language and religion (D) Roads and industries

4. A Geographical Indication tag is a form of:

(A) Weather forecast (B) Forest boundary

(C) Tourism ticket (D) Intellectual property right

5. In which year was the Forest Rights Act enacted?

(A) 1897 (B) 2006

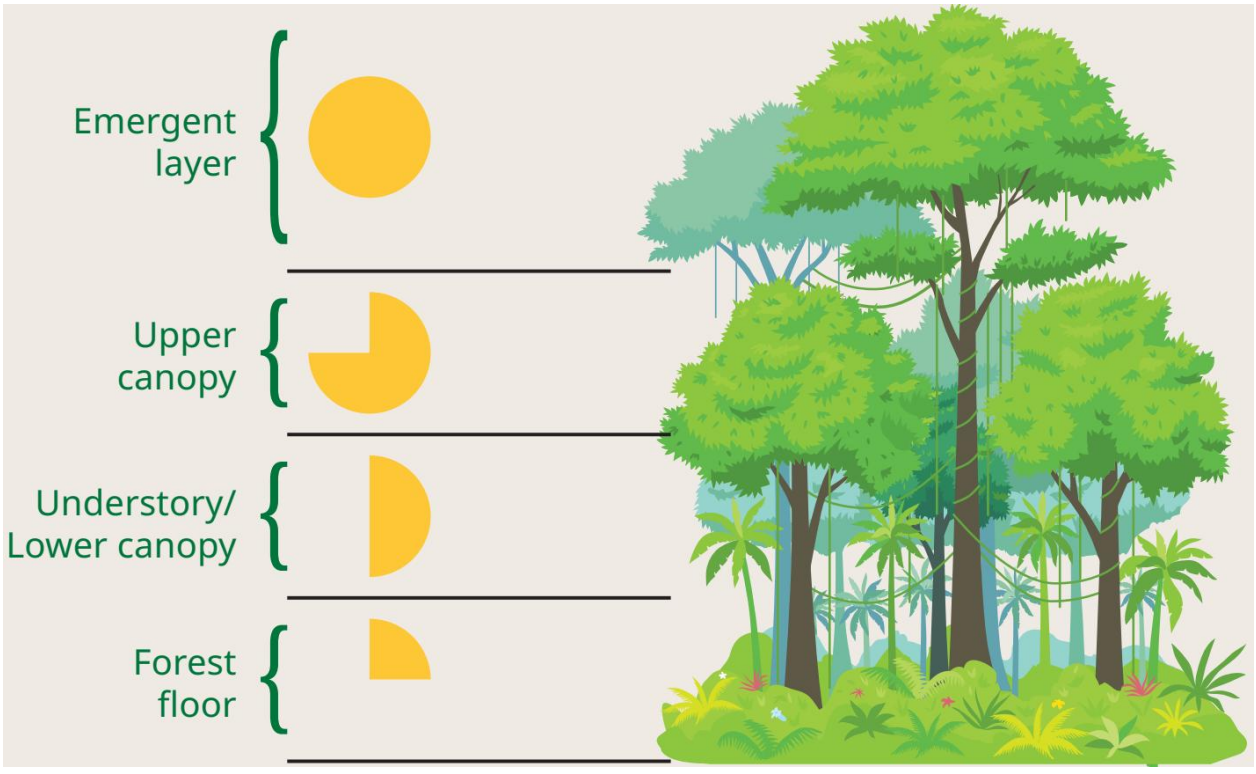
(C) 2020 (D) 2015

SECTION B

(4 questions × 2 marks = 8 marks)

6. How does an ecosystem differ from a biome? Give one point about the scale and one about the interactions involved.

7. Examine the forest layers below. Which receives more sunlight, the upper canopy or the forest floor? Explain the difference.



8. Why do grasslands have fewer trees than dense forests, and which livestock activity do they support?

9. How is knowledge of medicinal forest plants passed on, and why is it valuable for conservation?

SECTION C

(3 questions × 3 marks = 9 marks)

10. Biodiversity includes more than the number of animal species. Explain its three main dimensions.

11. Visitors are walking through the forest canopy at Thenmala. Suggest three responsible actions they should follow while enjoying this place.



12. State three ways in which the Forest Rights Act recognises the interests of eligible forest communities.

SECTION D

(Application Based Question - 3 marks)

13. A village shares a pond for water and a nearby pasture for grazing. Families follow common rules for using both resources.

(i) What term describes these shared natural resources?

(ii) Who benefits from and collectively uses them?

(iii) Why should the village prevent excessive use of the pasture?