

TRENDS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN GEOGRAPHY

Course Code:EDBES353

Credit hours:3

Introduction

Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth's surface and the human societies spread across it. They also examine how human culture interacts with the natural environment and the way that location and places can have an impact on people. Geography seeks to understand where things are found, why they are there, and how they develop and change over time. This course deals with contemporary issues in the field of Geography. The key issues have implications for educational practices and are organized around four areas including development, learning and instruction motivation and classroom management. The issues are presented in a pros and cons format with an overview and question preceding each issues.

Learning Outcomes:

This course focuses on the physical and human environment of Pakistan, its interaction and impact of interaction on both the land and the people. An important part of the course focuses on the actions that people can take to protect and conserve the environment.

Contents

1. Absolute and relative location area, international boundaries and administrative units of Pakistan Landforms
2. Drainage system
3. Soil: Types and Productivity
4. Weather & climate: Temperature and rainfall conditions, Climatic regions
5. Water resources: surface water and ground water resources – their distribution and quality.
6. Growth and distribution of Population and problems associated with high growth rate.
7. Agriculture: Rainfall and irrigated agriculture.
8. Irrigation system:- Types of irrigation, brief history & development of canal irrigation system. Natural and human factors controlling land productivity.
9. Important crops and their distribution
10. Mineral Resources:- Metallic and non-metallic Minerals (Excluding fossil fuels)
11. Industries: Factors controlling the location of industries. Major industries.
12. Relationship of the geography of Pakistan with its history, cultural diversity, economy, population, and settlement distribution regional variations in developments, and international politics.

Assessment and Examinations

The students will be assessed according to the following criteria

Examination	Marks Distribution
Sessional Work	25%
Mid-Semester	35%
Final Semester	40%

Suggested Readings

- Fazal-e-Karim. (2003), *Pakistan: Geography, Economy and People*, Karachi: Oxford University Press.
- Ahmad, Nazir, (1993). *Water Resources of Pakistan and their Utilization*, Lahore: privately printed
- Kemal, A. R. Mohammad Irfan and Naushin Mahmud (eds.), (2003). *Population of Pakistan: An analysis of 1998 Population and Housing census*. Pakistan Institute of Development Economic,.
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- Mahmood, Mir Anis.(2007). , *Energy Issues in Pakistan, Readings in Economics* 1, Islamabad: Pakistan Institute of Development Economics.
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- Malik H. and Gankovsky ,Y. V. (eds.), (2006). *The Encyclopedia of Pakistan*. Karachi: Oxford University Press.
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