

2024
SRMUJ
3rd Semester Examination
M.Sc.
GEOGRAPHY
GEO-303
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any two of the following questions: 5x2
- a) What are the challenges in achieving social justice in India?
 - b) Explain the rationale for using happiness indices in assessing social well-being.
 - c) Why are cities often considered as 'melting pot' of culture?
 - d) How have digital technology and the internet transformed modern culture?
2. Answer any three of the following questions: 10x3
- a) Discuss the geography of religious diversity and communal dynamics. Define ethnocentrism. 8+2
 - b) Elucidate different processes of cultural diffusion. How do the caste-class divide shape social stratification and inequality in India? 4+6
 - c) Discuss the factors for the fragmentation of social groups in modern urban spaces. 10
 - d) Explain, with suitable example, how folk culture is associated to human-environment relationship. Define Acculturation with example. 8+2
 - e) Briefly discuss the concept of cultural landscape as proposed by Carl O. Sauer and its role in understanding cultural morphology. 10