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#### Introduction

This document has been prepared for the teachers and candidates of Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) Part II (Class XII) Commercial Geography. It contains comments on candidates' responses to the 2023 HSSC-II Examination indicating the quality of the responses and highlighting their relative strengths and weaknesses.

#### **E-Marking Notes**

This includes overall comments on candidates' performance on every question and *some* specific examples of candidates' responses which support the mentioned comments. Please note that the descriptive comments represent an overall perception of the better and weaker responses as gathered from the e-marking session. However, the candidates' responses shared in this document represent some specific example(s) of the mentioned comments.

Teachers and candidates should be aware that examiners may ask questions that address the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) in a manner that requires candidates to respond by integrating knowledge, understanding and application skills they have developed during the course of study. Candidates are advised to read and comprehend each question carefully before writing the response to fulfil the demand of the question.

Candidates need to be aware that the marks allocated to the questions are related to the answer space provided on the examination paper as a guide to the length of the required response. A longer response will not in itself lead to higher marks. Candidates need to be familiar with the command words in the SLOs which contain terms commonly used in examination questions. However, candidates should also be aware that not all questions will start with or contain one of the command words. Words such as 'how', 'why' or 'what' may also be used.

#### **General Observations**

Candidates performed very well, and overall, candidates showed a better understanding of the topics assessed. However, those who did not score well mostly failed to understand the demand of the question, often misinterpreted the command word and the stimulus. The topics related to physical geography and information regarding physical features required more attention during teaching and learning as mostly students faced difficulty in addressing such the questions.

Note: Candidates' responses shown in this report have not been corrected for grammar, spelling, format or factual information.

# **DETAILED COMMENTS Constructed Response Questions (CRQs)**

Question No. 1				
<b>Question Text</b>	Differentiate between relative and absolute location. Give an example of any ONE			
Question Text	type of location from daily life.			
SLO No.	1.2.4			
SLO Text		its types (i.e., relative and absolute).		
Maximum Marks	3			
Cognitive Level	U*			
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark for explaining relative and absolute location (two marks).			
	Give ONE mark for the example.			
0 11	1	htforward, and the candidates demonstrated		
Overall		vided descriptions for each type of location and		
Performance		relevant examples. As a result, most of the		
	candidates achieved a good score of	in this question by effectively differentiating		
		cation. Their responses clarified that relative		
Description of		nce to a place, while absolute location was		
<b>Better Responses</b>		Furthermore, their answers were enriched with		
	pertinent examples for both types of location.			
	ABSOLUTE LOCATION	RELATIVE LOCATION		
	Absolute locations are those	Relative location are		
	locations which are from	those locations "ulich		
Images of Better	named from their actual	we have guide the		
Response		another person about		
	places	the roads and routes.		
	ie: Faislabad, Islamabad,			
	Karachi and etc.	ie: A shop of <del>costernics</del> cosmetic near saddar.		
	Among the weaker responses, the	ere were misconceptions between relative and		
<b>Description of</b>	_	reaker responses incorrectly used terms such as		
Weaker	'live location' or 'current location', v	which were irrelevant to the topic. Furthermore,		
Responses	<u> </u>	entioning relevant examples, resulting in lower		
	scores for those candidates on this question.			
	The relative location are the location from which			
	a passenger travelt trave	ls from one place to		
Images of Weaker	another on the other hand absolute Location is the Location where that person have the residence			
Response				
	The example of relative	·		
	is travelling from one -			

Suggestions for Improvement (Highlighted part)

H	ow to Approach SLO	Pedagogy** Used for that SLO	Assessment Strategies
	Understand the expectations of the command words Look at the cognitive level Identify the content that is required to answer that question (both in terms of understanding of concepts and any skills that may be required like analysing or evaluating) Go through the past paper questions on that particular concept Refer to the resource guide for extra resources	<ul> <li>Concept mapping</li> <li>Knowledge Platform videos</li> <li>Questioning Technique (Socratic approach)</li> <li>Practical Demonstration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Knowledge platform real time assessment. Past paper questions</li> <li>Past papers questions</li> <li>Discussion on E-marking notes</li> </ul>

#### **Any Additional Suggestion:**

To enhance understanding and responses regarding relative and absolute location, students can Study Definitions: Review and comprehend relative and absolute location definitions from textbooks or online sources. Use Correct Terms: Employ accurate terminology, avoiding confusion-inducing phrases like 'live location. 'Provide Examples Practice citing examples of both concepts to reinforce understanding. Develop Critical Thinking: encourage creating scenarios to discern disparities between relative and absolute location, explaining them comprehensively. Engage in Discussions: Join geographic discussions or study groups for diverse insights. Practice Questions Answer practice queries to refine responses and boost confidence.

K = Knowledge U = Understanding A = Application and other higher-order cognitive skills

Question No. 2				
<b>Question Text</b>	Identify the	cities of Pakistan with reference to their econom	ic and commercial	
	activities fro	m the description given in the table. (Attempt any	THREE)	
	(Note The fi	rst identification has been done for your assistance	;.)	
	S. No.	Economic and commercial activities	Cities	
	1	The city is famous for its textile industry worldwide. Its old name is Montgomery. It is also known as Manchester of Pakistan. Ghanta Ghar, Katchery Bazar and Montgomery bazar are its famous markets.		
	2	The city is famous for its glass bangles industry. Its Rabri (a sweet dish) is famous		

			around the world. The river Indus flows from		
	_		its centre.		
			The city is famous for its sports and footwear		
			industry. It is the largest manufacturer of		
		3	football. More than 60% of the world's		
			footballs are manufactured in the city. Its		
			cricket bats and balls (tennis or cricket) are famous worldwide.		
			The city is famous for surgical items,		
		4	scissors, and cutlery items. It is situated on		
			the banks of the Chenab River nearly 100		
			kilometres north of Lahore on the GT (Grand Trunk) Road.		
			The city is considered as a trade centre		
			between Central Asia, Afghanistan and South		
	5.	5	Asia. <i>Chapli Kebab</i> is a food product that is		
		famous around the world for its unique recipe			
			and taste. Qissa Khwani Bazar is its famous		
			bazar.		
SLO No.	2.1.3	•			
SLO Text	Ident	ify the	major cities of Pakistan (with reference to t	their economic	and
	commercial prospective);				
Maximum Marks	3				
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	U				
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give THREE marks for any THREE correct attempts.				
Overall	In this question, candidates were tasked with recognising distinct economic and				
Performance	commercial hubs of Pakistan using a provided description. Most of the candidates				
	demonstrated better performance, successfully identifying and naming the relevant				
	economic hubs.				
Description of	The answers of most candidate showcased the candidates' impressive familiarity				
<b>Better Responses</b>			cities in Pakistan. Additionally, these response		
	_		n of the pivotal roles played by different cities i	in the economic	c and
	comr	nercial a	ctivities of the country.		

Images of Better	S. No.	Economic and commercial activities	Cities	
Response	1	The city is famous for its textile industry worldwide. Its old name is Montgomery. It is also known as Manchester of Pakistan. Ghanta Ghar, Katchery Bazar and Montgomery bazar are its famous markets.	Faisalabad	
	2	The city is famous for its glass bangles industry. Its Rabri (a sweet dish) is famous around the world. The river Indus flows from its centre.	Hyderabad Sialkot	
	3	The city is famous for its sports and footwear industry. It is the largest manufacturer of the football. More than 60% of world's footballs are manufactured in the city. Its cricket bats and balls (tennis or cricket) are famous worldwide.	Sialkot	
	4	The city is famous for surgical items, scissors, and cutlery items. It is situated on the banks of the Chenab River nearly 100 kilometres north of Lahore on the GT (Grand Trunk) Road.		
	5.	The city is considered as a trade centre between Central Asia, Afghanistan and South Asia. <i>Chapli Kebab</i> is a food product that is famous around the world for its unique recipe and taste. Qissa Khwani Bazar is its famous bazar.	Peshawar	
Description of Weaker Responses	Pakis featur careft	ter responses revealed a deficiency in tan. Some candidates struggled to establishes mentioned in the description. Additionally read the instructions, resulting in the induction of cities. These shortcomings contributers	h a connection anally, some correct identi	n with the economic candidates failed to fication of provinces
Images of Weaker	S. No.	Economic and commercial activities	Cities	
Response	1	The city is famous for its textile industry worldwide. Its old name is Montgomery. It is also known as Manchester of Pakistan. Ghanta Ghar, Katchery Bazar and Montgomery bazar are its famous markets.	Faisalabad	
	2	The city is famous for its glass bangles industry. Its Rabri (a sweet dish) is famous around the world. The river Indus flows from its centre.	Peshawar	
	3	The city is famous for its sports and footwear industry. It is the largest manufacturer of the football. More than 60% of world's footballs are manufactured in the city. Its cricket bats and balls (tennis or cricket) are famous worldwide.	Quetta	
	4	The city is famous for surgical items, scissors, and cutlery items. It is situated on the banks of the Chenab River nearly 100 kilometres north of Lahore on the GT (Grand Trunk) Road.	Islamabad	
	5.	The city is considered as a trade centre between Central Asia, Afghanistan and South Asia. <i>Chapli Kebab</i> is a food product that is famous around the world for its unique recipe and taste. Qissa Khwani Bazar is its famous bazar.		

How to Approach SLO	Pedagogy Used for that SLO	Assessment Strategies
• Understand the	Concept mapping	Knowledge platform real time
expectations of the	Knowledge Platform videos	assessment.
command words.	Questioning Technique	• Past papers questions
• Look at the cognitive	(Socratic approach)	• Discussion on E-marking notes
level.	Practical Demonstration	

- Identify the content that is required to answer that question (both in terms of understanding of concepts and any skills that may be required like analysing or evaluating)
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To improve, teacher should work on expanding their knowledge about Pakistan's economic and commercial aspects with reference to different economic regions through providing them literature and learning resource material. Furthermore, candidate should be asked to learn about different economic.

	Question No. 3		
<b>Question Text</b>	Based on any THREE criteria in the given table, differentiate between economic growth and economic development.  (Note The first difference has been written for your assistance.)		
Criteria		Economic Growth	Economic Development
	Definition	Economic Growth refers to the increment in amount of goods and services produced by an economy.	Economic development refers to the reduction and elimination of poverty, unemployment and inequality in the context of growing economy.
	Measures		
	Focuses		
	Indicators		
	Time Frame		
	(short run/long		
	run)		
	Economic		
	Approach to the Economy		
SLO No.	3.3.2		

SLO Text	Differentiate between economic development and economic growth\;				
Maximum Marks	3				
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	U	U			
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark f	or each correct identificatio	n (THREE required)		
Overall	Despite the questi	on being conceptually easy	, the candidates' performance di	d not	
Performance	align with its pe	rceived simplicity. This di	screpancy in performance coul	ld be	
	attributed to various reasons such as unclarity with regards to the given criteria.				
Description of	*		tanding of the two concepts.		
<b>Better Responses</b>			ed a robust comprehension of		
_	concepts. Many of	the responses accurately di	stinguished economic growth as l	being	
	concerned with i	ndicators like GDP and	per capita income, while econ	omic	
	development was	linked to the living stand	ards and well-being of citizens.	. The	
	candidates also pr	ovided relevant information	regarding the time frame and spe	ecific	
	indicators used to	measure economic growth	and economic development.		
Images of Better		Focuses on real national income	French on the stoude of all		
Response	Focuses	and percapita income.	- Carried		
			of the people.		
		Percapita or national income	Educational development,		
	Indicators	increases of the country or golp more			
		Indicators increases of the country or gdlp moreases infrastructure, literacy rate increases, standard of living enhancement.			
	Time Frame (short	Time Frame (short			
	run/long run)	run/long run)			
			Making new innovations and technologies		
	Economic Approach	Trade (imports and exports) in the	freign market influence, growth		
	to the Economy	country. Balance of payments, prays	utendard of living.		
D : 4	337 1		0		
Description	Weaker responses exhibited incomplete or superficial understanding of the concept.				
of Weaker	Many candidates were unable to differentiate between economic growth and economic development based on the given criteria. The points mentioned in their				
Response	_	<del>_</del>	<u> </u>		
			mat. Moreover, some responses f		
			addressing one side of the given to		
			asping the core differences bet		
	_	_	it as outlined in the provided cr		
	and ensure their responses are comprehensive and aligned with the question's				
Evample of	instructions.				
Example of Weeker Response	Measures	To grow move & good	TO export more the Product		
Weaker Response Measures and of Trodod.		El sugare the ambants.			
		In agriculture sedor junishe.	Use skiel worken or labour		
	Focuses .	the tradional method	alsome		
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	Indicators	To constitute	Care of hygen of product-		
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Teaching the concepts via the creation of cloud diagrams depicting pros and cons could be beneficial. Additionally, employing techniques such as drawing during brainstorming sessions or participating in forum discussions can aid candidates in quickly grasping the concepts.

Question No. 4			
<b>Question Text</b>	Mention any THREE ways to promote forestation at individual level.		
SLO No.	4.2.5		
SLO Text	Suggest ways to raise the forest growth rate;		
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	3		
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	U		
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark for each Suggestion (THREE required).		
Overall	Regarding Pakistan, this question was highly pertinent in terms of addressing		
Performance	environmental requirements. A significant portion of the candidates performed well		
	by offering suggestions to enhance forestation in the country. However, many of		
	them presented their ideas in a general manner instead of adopting the specific and		
	individualised approach that the question called for.		
<b>Description of</b>	Most of the better responses displayed a comprehensive understanding of addressing		
<b>Better Responses</b>	deforestation. They emphasised effective strategies, including creating awareness,		
	planting trees, restricting, or banning deforestation, and promoting sustainable forest		
	management. Candidates recognised the need to educate the public, policymakers,		
	and industries about the environmental impact of deforestation. They also		
	highlighted reforestation efforts as a crucial step in restoring lost forests. Many		

	responses acknowledged the importance of implementing legal measures to curb deforestation and protect natural resources. Overall, these well-rounded answers showcased candidates' awareness of the complexities of environmental conservation and their readiness to propose meaningful actions to combat deforestation.		
Images of Better Response	1. Major way to Promote forestation is to Plant more trees which  led to increase in forestation  2. Secondly advise government to improse fine on over deforestation which		
	can also led increase in logestalian		
	3. Encourage locals to Plant trees which can also help		
	increase in forestation.		
Description of Weaker	Many weaker responses reflected confusion between farming and forestation, with candidates mentioning ways to support farmers instead of focusing on forestation.		
Responses	Furthermore, a significant number of candidates misunderstood the question and wrote about various reasons for deforestation instead of providing suggestions to improve forestation efforts. These misunderstandings resulted in inaccurate answers. To improve their responses, candidates should clearly differentiate between farming and forestation and fully grasp the question's requirements before offering relevant suggestions to enhance forestation initiatives.		
Images of Weaker Response	1. To promote forestration of individual level we can do somthings  Bretty like, tacks of labour who work for forestation ended up.  2. Secondly we work on a good raw mentioned which provide  Jean the forestration to maintained things or for the industries.  3. Thirdly we can focus on our export system if we work good		
	on forestration or give them fulltime than our product is export arour GDP		

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required like analysing or evaluating)	
<ul> <li>Go through the past paper questions on that concept.</li> </ul>	
• Refer to the resource guide	
for extra resources	

The utilisation of the discussion forum technique is recommended within the classroom to enhance student learning. Creating small groups for the purpose of discussing and elaborating on their learning can facilitate a comprehensive understanding. Subsequently, the insights gained from these discussions can be shared through presentations or broader class discussions.

	Question No. 5		
<b>Question Text</b>	List any THREE fisheries (fishing harbour) of Pakistan.		
SLO No.	5.2.1		
SLO Text	Identify the main fishing areas and fisheries of Pakistan.		
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	3		
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	U		
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give one mark for each correct identification (THREE required)		
Overall	This question was about listing the fishing harbours of Pakistan. Most of the		
Performance	candidates attempt reflected that they need clarity related to the difference between		
	ports and fishing harbours.		
<b>Description of</b>	This knowledge-based question received nearly accurate responses, as most		
<b>Better Responses</b>	candidates correctly distinguished between ports and harbours. The names		
	mentioned in their answers indicated that they understood the differences between		
	these two maritime terms.		
Images of Better	mages of Better Kanachi Fish Harbour.		
Response	The state of the s		
	2. Pasni Fish Backso Harbour.		
	1. Karachi Fish Harbour.  2. Pasni Fish Kacka Harbour.  3. Gwadar Fish Harbour.		
<b>Description of</b>	The weaker responses indicated that candidates were often confused between ports		
Weaker	and fishing harbours. Some of these responses listed the names of ports, such as Port		
Responses	Qasim and Karachi Port, instead of identifying fishing harbours. Meanwhile, other		
	weaker responses mentioned incorrect fishing harbours altogether. Additionally, a		
	few candidates wrote names of lakes and listed different types of fish caught in		
	Pakistan, demonstrating a misunderstanding of the question's context. It appears that		
	these candidates did not fully grasp the question's requirements, leading to		
	inaccurate answers.		

Images of Weaker Response	1.	Haleji Fishing halbour	
Response	2.	Indus fishing taubous (Sukthus)	
	3	Kheenjar Fishing harbour.	

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Question No. 6				
<b>Question Text</b>	Complete the given table with reference to kinds of crops.			
		Cash Crop	Food Crop	
	Definition			
		Rabi Crop	Kharif Crop	
	Definition			
		Cash and <i>Rabi</i> Crop both	Food and <i>Kharif</i> Crop both	
	ONE			
	Example			

SLO No.	6.2.1			
SLO Text	Classify the different kinds of crops (i.e. cash and food, rabi and kharif).			
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	3			
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	U			
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark completing each row of the given table. No Marks will be awarded			
	for incomplete table.			
Overall	The question pertained to various crop types. Candidates were required to provide			
Performance	definitions, distinguishing cash crops as those grown for monetary purposes and food crops as those intended for consumption. Additionally, candidates were to identify rabi crops cultivated during summer and kharif crops grown in winter. A			
	significant portion of the candidates performed well on this question, resulting in favourable scores.			
Description of Better Responses	Candidates generally showed good understanding as they defined all four crops correctly. However, they struggled to provide accurate examples of crops with reference to the season.			
<b>Image for Better</b>	Cash Crop Food Crop			
Response	Definition for the purpose to earn money to feed the family of the farmer			
	Rabi Crop Kharif Crop			
	Definition April-June and harvested in Nov-Dec and harvested in April-May.			
	Cash and Rabi Crop both Food and Kharif Crop both			
	ONE wheat Millets, Bayra.			
<b>Description of</b>	In most of the weaker responses' candidates struggled with this question and failed			
Weaker Responses	to meet the requirements. Weaker responses included examples placed before defining the types of crops and demonstrated a lack of basic understanding of crops			
	types. Some irrelevant points were mentioned, such as stating that cash crops are			
	sown during summer and food crops during winter. To address these issues, teachers should emphasise the correct order of information presentation, reinforce			
	fundamental concepts of crop types, and provide clear distinctions between them.			
Image of Weaker	Cash Crop Food Crop			
Response				
-	Definition Potato Relaist			
	Rabi Crop Kharif Crop			
	Definition Rice Tea			
	Cash and Rabi Crop both Food and Kharif Crop both			
	ONE Robato, Rice. Reddish g Ten			

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To improve their comprehension, teachers can use interactive discussions, visual aids, and real-life examples to reinforce the connection between crops and their growing seasons. Encouraging candidates to research local agricultural practices will also help them grasp the subject better. With continuous practice and practical applications, candidates can enhance their ability to correctly identify crops in relation to the seasons.

Creating a chart of crops with reference to harvesting and suitable conditions and seasons, involving candidates in the process, is an excellent idea. Displaying the chart in the classroom or on the notice board will serve as a visual aid, making the information easily accessible for candidates to reference throughout their studies.

Question No. 7			
<b>Question Text</b>	Farmers in Pakistan receive their share of irrigation waters on a rotational basis. In		
	this process, a huge amount of water is wasted. Lack of modern irrigational		
	techniques and agricultural practices also add to irrigational problems.		
	Suggest any FOUR ways through which Pakistan can improve its irrigation system		
	and maximise land utility in the agricultural sector with reference to the given		
	problem.		
SLO No	7.3.7		
SLO Text	Suggest ways to improve the irrigation system of Pakistan.		
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	4		
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	A		

<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark for each correct suggestion (four required)		
Overall	It is evident that most of the candidates excelled in answering this question, as they		
Performance	provided various constructive suggestions to improve Pakistan's irrigation system.		
	Most of the candidates scored above average marks, which indicates a strong		
	understanding of the topic and a high level of proficiency in the subject matter.		
Description of	Better responses highlighted key measures like plantation, constructing water		
<b>Better Responses</b>	reservoirs, promoting tube wells, and advanced irrigation techniques to improve		
	Pakistan's irrigation system.		
Images of Better	1. Pakistan should produce or import modern		
response	machinesics which would be helpful for irrigation.		
	tree loans to farmers so that they introduce modern		
	3. Crovernment should him Literate labour to		
	reduce water wastage + increase new ideas poul		
	4. Crovernment can provide water facilities to the		
	traners and increase whool system in rural areas.		
Description of	Weaker responses lacked the ability to connect suggestions with the given problem		
Weaker	statement. Candidates provided general responses that did not address the impact of		
Responses	water wastage on Pakistan's agricultural sector. To improve, candidates should focus		
	on understanding the problem statement thoroughly and offer specific solutions.		
Images of Weaker	1. Lack of modern techniques: farmers in Pakistan are not well		
Response	awared & about modern techniques and practices of irrigation.		
	2. Lack of skilled farmers: farmers in Pakistan are not much		
	skilled and uses old 90s techniques for irrigation		
	3. Less use of machineries and pesticides: farmers doesn't uses		
	machineries and pesticides for saving time in irrigation.		
	4 less utilisation of land: farmers doesn't maximise the land's		
	utility of land which is provided.		

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Understand the expectations of the command words	<ul><li>Concept mapping</li><li>Knowledge Platform videos</li></ul>	Knowledge platform real time assessment. Past paper questions
<ul> <li>Look at the cognitive level</li> <li>Identify the content that is required to answer that question (both in terms of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Questioning Technique (Socratic approach)</li> </ul>	

understanding of concepts and any skills that may be required like analysing or evaluating)	Practical     Demonstration	
<ul> <li>Go through the past paper questions on that particular concept</li> <li>Refer to the resource guide for extra resources</li> </ul>		

To improve candidates' performance, adopting the discussion forum method can be highly beneficial. Through constructive debates and discussions, candidates can gain a broader understanding of various viewpoints, leading to a more comprehensive grasp of the subject matter. They can learn to articulate their thoughts effectively and develop the capacity to evaluate information critically.

Teachers can guide them in comprehending how water wastage affects agriculture, crop yields, and farming practices. Encouraging critical thinking and providing real-life examples will help candidates recognise the importance of water conservation for the agricultural sector in Pakistan. By making these connections, candidates can propose more meaningful solutions to improve the irrigation system and overall agricultural productivity in the country.

By reinforcing the connection between solutions and the irrigation system, candidates will better understand the challenges and potential improvements in the agricultural sector. This will enable them to propose more effective solutions to address Pakistan's irrigation system challenges accurately.

	Question No 8		
<b>Question Text</b>	Analyse any THREE reasons of power crisis in Pakistan.		
SLO No.	8.4.2		
SLO Text	Analyse the causes of power resources shortages and their effects on the economy.		
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	3		
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	A		
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark for each point (THREE required).		
Overall	The question about the causes of the power crisis in Pakistan was well-answered by		
Performance	many candidates. The majority demonstrated a strong understanding and analytical		
	skills in identifying various factors contributing to the crisis. This success indicates		
	effective teaching methods and candidates' ability to evaluate complex issues,		
	highlighting their overall comprehension of the subject matter.		
Description	Most of the better responses correctly mentioned different reasons of power crisis in		
of Better	Pakistan. These responses mentioned reasons like poor economic situation,		
Responses	improper management and maintenance, corruption, and lack of will. Factors		
	mentioned included energy mismanagement, reliance on fossil fuels, inadequate		
	investment in the power sector, transmission losses, and irregular bill payments.		

<b>Images of Better</b>	1. lack of money due to economical usisis which stops		
Response	pakistan to get good power generating machinory.		
	advanced machine rang due to illitracy.		
	3. lack of good comminucation and mobility with foreign		
	countries to work with pakistan, Because of its international state		
Description of	Weaker responses scored only one mark in this question. Weaker answers cited		
Weaker	irrelevant points like improper machinery, skilled workers, and power wastage.		
Responses	Some focused on the impact of power failure on Pakistan's economy instead of		
	analysing the reasons behind the crisis. To improve, candidates should concentrate		
	on relevant causes, such as energy mismanagement and inadequate infrastructure.		
Images of Weaker	1. Deforestation in polisistan increase doy by day which is		
Response	increase in heat stock and global warming.		
	2 More our pollution which damage organe layer and increase		
	in heat and global & warming.		
	. Molling of glaciers due to heat unbalanced and forest		
	not available to stoped thom.		

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Teachers can enhance candidates' understanding by conducting a pros and cons activity in two groups. This approach encourages critical review of the subject matter, fostering active participation and critical thinking. Analysing the advantages and disadvantages helps candidates develop a comprehensive grasp of the topic and strengthens their analytical and communication skills. This activity promotes a deeper understanding and a well-rounded perspective on the subject.

	Question No 9		
<b>Question Text</b>	Name any THREE railway stations of Pakistan that connect Pakistan with its		
	neighbouring countries.		
SLO No.	10.3.3		
SLO Text	Identify the major routes of transportation modes i.e., roadways and railways on		
	the map of Pakistan.		
Maximum Marks	3		
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	K		
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give ONE mark for each name (THREE required).		
Overall	This was a knowledge-based question, this question was not properly addressed by		
Performance	most of the candidates. In this question the candidates were expected to write the		
	name of stations along with the connecting country.		
<b>Description of</b>	Better responses demonstrated a clear understanding of the various railways linking		
<b>Better Response</b>	Pakistan with neighbouring countries. These responses not only listed the names of		
	railway stations but also identified the connecting cities. Most of these well-		
	constructed responses cited examples such as the Lahore-to-India railway station,		
	Karachi to India, and the Quetta-to-Iran railway station.		
Image of Better	1. Wagah: Lahore - India (Lahore railway station)		
Response	2. Kohre. · Tuftan = Quetta - Iran ( Puttera railway Station)		
	3. Khokva pour = Hyderabad - India (Hyderabad railway station).		
Description of	Weaker responses revealed candidates' limited understanding of Pakistan's railway		
Weaker	infrastructure. Many of these weaker responses mistakenly referred to highways		
Responses	instead of railways, or simply listed various railway stations without specifying the		
	countries they connect. A minority of these responses solely mentioned city names,		
	omitting details about the specific railway tracks.		
Image of Weaker Response	1. Lahore Railway Station		
	2. Islamabab Railway Station		
	3. Peshawau Railway Station		

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<ul> <li>Look at the cognitive level</li> <li>Identify the content that is required to answer that</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Questioning Technique (Socratic approach)</li> </ul>	

question (both in terms of
understanding of concepts
and any skills that may be
required like analysing or
evaluating)

- Go through the past paper questions on that particular concept
- Refer to the resource guide for extra resources

Practical Demonstration

#### **Any Additional Suggestion**

By using the "match the column" approach, teachers can create a log sheet with station names and their connectivity to a cross-border location. Candidates would be asked to match the columns, connecting each station with its corresponding cross-border destination. This interactive activity fosters engagement and challenges candidates to apply their knowledge of geographical connections, enhancing their understanding of cross-border connectivity. It also promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills as candidates analyse the relationships between different locations and stations, making learning more effective and enjoyable.

## **Extended Response Questions (ERQs)**

Extended response questions offered a choice between part 'a' and 'b

	Question No 10a		
<b>Question Text</b>	Pakistan is among the most urbanised countries of South Asia. By 2030, more than		
	half of Pakistan's projected 250 million citizens are expected to live in cities. As		
	challenges mount, urban planning is gradually finding space in the policy discourse.		
	(sourcehttps //www.theigc.org/blog/the-six-biggest-challenges-facing-		
	pakistans-urban-future/)		
	Evaluate the economic problems that will arise as a result of the given situation.		
SLO No	11.2.6		
SLO Text	Evaluate the problems that accompanies migration and urbanisation.		
Maximum Marks	7		
Cognitive Level	A		
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give one mark for highlighting the problem of urbanisation (THREE required).		
	Give one mark for evaluating the problem.		
	Give one mark for connecting the evaluation with reference to the given situation.		
Overall	In the extended response question, approximately most of the candidates attempted		
Performance	part a., which required them to highlight economic problems related to increased		
	urbanisation. While they correctly identified problems associated with urbanisation,		
	many candidates struggled to connect these issues with their economic implications.		
	The expectation was for candidates to evaluate the economic problems resulting		
	from urbanisation, such as employment opportunities, income disparities, and		
Description of	resource management.		
Description of Better Responses	The majority scored above average marks, correctly identifying problems associated		
Detter Responses	with urbanisation like lack of employment, security concerns, poor infrastructure, and substandard living conditions.		
Image of Better	A) -> lack of job facelettes. No peoples job available, no source of income		
Response	Cause people to move to ushan axeas		
response	-> lack of medical health facilities: No peopex medical health depositments,		
	no propex southallon cause a move to vistom aseas.		
	⇒ lack of education facilities: A person wants his/hex children to be		
	a well educated pesson cause people nive usban asses bec no educational		
	> lack of securety:- No proper secure places to live cause thes		
	problem to move to a proper asso.		
	-> Shortage of water: There is shortage of water and basic meds		
	which toxice a person to move to vision axions.		
	-> Lark of transport facilities. No peoples soutes been made to		
	travel also cause a polint to move whan areas.		
	-> No propex industries /political team. No propex production at gloods in		
	xuxal asens the to less developed asea main is disastramation in males I females		
	These are the major problems causing the urban planning, people mining		
	from suxil to uxban axeas and the ex country a place uxbantsed.		
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<b>Description of</b>	A small number of candidates did not perform well in this question, with most of		
Weaker	their responses being too general. They mentioned the shift from an agricultural		
Responses	economy to an industrial sector without relating it to specific economic problems.		
	Weaker responses repeated the same points without making relevant connections, and some only listed reasons for increased urbanisation without addressing the economic problems linked to it. However, a few candidates failed to connect these issues with their economic implications.		
Image of Weaker	paliston is still in developing courties we have		
Response	unlimited bous on polition and court have modern and		
	advanced technology for taking out and mining the		
	Minerals and natural your materials we can't provide		
	eap resources to whole country properly the communi		
	or money to built down and water to produce electricity		
	and give to urban people. Introduce advance technologies		
	to urban peoples - The big postlem is political every year		
	wen bow chande enter as go go go go.		
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Any Additional Suggestion

Teachers can guide them to analyse how the shift from agriculture to industry impacts employment, income distribution, resource management, and public services by giving examples from the Pakistan economy.

Encouraging critical thinking and offering real-life examples can help candidates understand the economic implications of urbanisation better and meet the expectations of the question. Furthermore, to improve their responses, teachers can guide candidates in analysing how urbanisation impacts the economy both positively and negatively. Encouraging critical evaluation of the economic consequences will strengthen their responses and deepen their understanding. Real-life examples and case studies can also help candidates recognise the complex relationship between urbanisation and economic challenges.

	Question No 10b		
<b>Question Text</b>	i. Give ONE reason for the establishment of sugar industry in the rural areas.		
	ii. Discuss any THREE points of significance of the sugar industry in the		
	economic development of Pakistan.		
SLO No.	9.4.3		
SLO Text	Describe the role of sugar industry in the development of Pakistan.		
<b>Maximum Marks</b>	7		
<b>Cognitive Level</b>	U		
<b>Checking Hints</b>	Give one mark for writing the reason.		
	Give one mark for highlighting the significance of the sugar industry (THREE		
	required).		
	Give one mark for elaborating how it is connected with economic development		
	(Elaboration for each point is required). (THREE)		
Overall	The overall performance in part (b) was much better than in part (a). In this question,		
Performance	candidates were expected to connect feasible features of setting up sugar industry		
	and were also expected to highlight the role of sugar industry in the economic		
	development of Pakistan. In part b. most of the candidates were able to score above		
	average marks.		
Description of	Better responses reflected that candidates were able to comprehend the question		
<b>Better Responses</b>	well. Most of these responses not only mentioned the correct reasons for establishing		
	sugar industry but they also highlighted the significance of sugar industry too.		
	Accessibility to sugar mill, availability of raw material and labour force were the		
	key reasons mentioned by the candidates. Significance like employment		
	opportunities, GDP growth and easy source of raw material for other industries were		
	explained by these candidates.		

Image of Better	(i) Sugarcane field required some specific temperature and after forwesting		
Responses	the sugarcane will quickly reach to nearest sugar mill (industry) so if we		
•	established sugar inclusing in rural area to the time of transportation		
	of sugarcane suill save and if we established sugar mill in hural area		
	our tabour cost also decrease because of this labour of rulal acco and		
	One more benefit is that the temperature of sugar cane will remain same		
	because of sugar industry in hural area.		
	(ii) 1- Pakistan is agricultural country so through sugar industry after		
	bulbil of our population requirement we will export sugar & caron foreign		
	Histough sugar care we made many product like sugar, 2- Sugar Industry		
	provide sugar as ranomaterial to many industries through which our		
	economic cycle smoothly run . 3- Sugar Industry require well-insprasticclused area		
	por transpolation to well-inspensional area attact investor to invest so it		
	will beneficial for economic gradevelopment and 4- Sugar is basic necesities for		
	our population so it satisfied our people demand and our economy maintain		
	stable.		
<b>Description of</b>	Most of the weaker responses were able to mention the feasible factors for setting		
Weaker	up sugar industry, but these responses either failed to discuss significance or were		
Responses	not able to relate these significances to economic development. These responses		
	mentioned the significance of sugar industry on micro level only. The impact on		
	overall or macro level impacts were not discussed by weaker responses.		
Image of Weaker			
Responses	so we can supplies sugar as sugar go high and		
	rural areas population get increases.		
	ii- 1. There are so many significances of the		
	sugar cane sugar cane is an industry which		
	give sugar to wholesolers then relaiter then		
	Consumer.		
	2. Sugar Industry is important because sugar uses		
	in tea, cake, chocolate, ice cream and so on		
	Hem and so many foods.		
	3. Sugar cane is important because sugar con-		
	industry mare sugar so then people take		
	sugar men they make sugar items.		
	4. Sugar cane is important in economic develop-		
	ment because in economic development are		
	for long run time period.		

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Any Additional Suggestion:		

#### **Annexure A: Pedagogies Used for Teaching the SLOs**

**Pedagogy:** Storyboard

**Description:** A visual pedagogy that uses a series of illustrated panels to present a narrative, encouraging creativity and critical thinking. It helps learners organise ideas, sequence events, and comprehend complex concepts through storytelling.

**Example:** In a Literature class, students are tasked with creating storyboards to visually retell a novel. They draw key scenes, write captions, and present their stories to the class, enhancing their reading comprehension and fostering their imagination.

**Pedagogy:** Cause and Effect

**Description:** This pedagogy explores the relationships between actions and consequences. By analysing cause-and-effect relationships, learners develop a deeper understanding of how events are interconnected and how one action can lead to various outcomes.

**Example:** In a History class, students study the causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution. They research and discuss how technological advancements in manufacturing led to significant societal changes, such as urbanisation and labour reform movements.

**Pedagogy:** Fish and Bone

Description: A method that breaks down complex topics into main ideas (the fish) and supporting details (the bones). This visual approach enhances comprehension by highlighting essential concepts and their relevant explanations.

**Example:** During a Biology class on human anatomy, the teacher uses the fish and bone technique to teach about the human skeletal system. Teacher presents the main components of the human skeleton (fish) and elaborates on each bone's structure and function (bones).

**Pedagogy:** Concept Mapping

**Description:** An effective way to visually represent relationships between ideas. Learners create diagrams connecting key concepts, aiding in understanding the overall structure of a subject and fostering retention.

**Example:** In a Psychology assignment, students use concept mapping to explore the various theories of personality. They interlink different theories, such as Freud's psychoanalysis, Jung's analytical psychology, and Bandura's social-cognitive theory, to see how they relate to each other.

**Pedagogy:** Audio Visual Resources

Description: Incorporating multimedia elements like videos, images, and audio into lessons. This approach caters to different learning styles, making educational content more engaging and memorable.

**Example:** In a General Science class, the teacher uses a documentary-style video to teach about the solar system. The video includes stunning visual animations of the planets, interviews with astronomers, and background music, enhancing students' interest and understanding of space.

**Pedagogy:** Think, Pair, and Share

**Description:** A collaborative learning technique where students ponder a question or problem individually, then discuss their thoughts in pairs or small groups before sharing with the entire class. It fosters active participation, communication skills, and diverse perspectives.

**Example:** In a Literature in English class, the teacher poses a thought-provoking question about a novel's moral dilemma. Students first reflect individually, then pair up to exchange their opinions, and finally participate in a lively class discussion to explore different viewpoints.

**Pedagogy:** Questioning Technique (Socratic Approach)

**Description:** Based on Socratic dialogue, this method stimulates critical thinking by posing thought-provoking questions. It encourages learners to explore ideas, justify their reasoning, and discover knowledge through a process of inquiry.

**Example:** In an Ethics class, the instructor uses the Socratic approach to lead a discussion on the meaning of justice. By asking a series of probing questions, the students engage in a deeper exploration of ethical principles and societal values.

**Pedagogy:** Practical Demonstration

**Description:** A hands-on approach where learners observe real-life applications of theories or skills. Practical demonstrations enhance comprehension, skill acquisition, and problem-solving abilities by bridging theoretical concepts with real-world scenarios.

**Example:** In a Food and Nutrition class, the instructor demonstrates the proper technique for filleting a fish. Students observe and then practice the skill themselves, learning the practical application of knife skills and culinary precision.

(Note: The examples provided in this annexure serve as illustrations of various pedagogies. It is important to understand that these pedagogies are versatile and can be applied across subjects in numerous ways. Feel free to adapt and explore these techniques creatively to enhance learning outcomes in your specific context.)

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