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- *In **Part I** each correct answer receives **one** mark.*
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Part I

- *Select the option that contains the correct answer for each question and write its **number on the dotted line**.*

1. The two formats of data stored in the Geographic Information System (GIS) are
(1) Vector data and digital data. (2) Spatial data and aspatial data.
(3) Vector data and raster data. (4) Spatial data and raster data.
(5) Digital data and aspatial data. (.....)

2. Which location holds the master control center for obtaining satellite information related to the Global Positioning System (GPS)?
(1) Colorado (2) Diego Garcia
(3) Ascension (4) Hawaii
(5) Kwajalein (.....)

3. The total number of regular and emergency satellites launched into space to obtain accurate location information in the Global Positioning System is
(1) 07. (2) 20. (3) 24. (4) 31. (5) 36. (.....)

4. The option that shows the name of the 1:50 000 topographic map which has two areas combined is
(1) Potuwil and Komari. (2) Buttala and Panama.
(3) Kataragama and Yala. (4) Mahaoya and Paddirippu.
(5) Padiyatalawa and Ampara. (.....)

5. Which of the following option correctly shows three coastal physical features found on a 1:50 000 topographic map of Sri Lanka?
(1) Lagoon, Bay and Meander (2) Island, Meander and Braided river
(3) Water divide, Sand spit and Estuary (4) Lagoon, Bay and Braided river
(5) Estuary, Island and Lagoon (.....)

6. Which is the suitable graphical method for depicting the different human activities generating global greenhouse gases in a year?
(1) Simple line graph (2) Circular graph
(3) Twin bar graph (4) Pyramid graph
(5) Multiple line graph (.....)

7. Which of the following option correctly indicates examples for continuous data and discrete data, respectively?
(1) Height of children in a class and number of villages in a district.
(2) Daily temperature in a city and the weight of children in a class.
(3) Number of children in a class and number of tanks in an area.
(4) Monthly rainfall in a city and daily temperature in a city.
(5) Number of cities in a country and the daily temperature in a city. (.....)

8. Which map shows the relationship between physical and cultural features of a place?
(1) Chropleth map (2) Isopleth map
(3) Dot map (4) Topographic map
(5) Thematic map (.....)

9. What is the size of the map area in square kilometres (km^2) covered by a 1:50 000 topographic map sheet?
(1) 1 300 (2) 1 200 (3) 1 100
(4) 1 000 (5) 800 (.....)

10. The statistical measure that quantifies the amount of dispersion in a set of data values relative to the mean is
(1) Lower quartile. (2) Frequency.
(3) Median. (4) Range.
(5) Standard deviation. (.....)

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11. Who has introduced the approach of 'areal differentiation of the Earth's surface' in geographical studies?
(1) Alexander Von Humboldt (2) Carl Ritter
(3) Alfred Hettner (4) Richard Hartshorne
(5) Friedrich Ratzel (.....)

12. The three examples that correctly indicate the first-order, second-order and third-order landforms respectively are
(1) Asian continent, Himalaya mountain range and Niagara fall.
(2) Mississippi valley, African continent and Andes mountain range.
(3) Niagara fall, Grand canyon and European continent.
(4) Rocky mountain range, Australian continent and Pacific ocean.
(5) Andes mountain range, Mississippi valley and Antarctic continent. (.....)

13. Which option correctly shows the three main types of rocks classified by their origin?
(1) Igneous, Gabbro and Basalt
(2) Granite, Basalt and Sedimentary
(3) Crystalline, Organic and Metamorphic
(4) Intrusive, Extrusive and Sedimentary
(5) Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic (.....)

14. What is the option that correctly shows three major tectonic plates of the Earth's lithosphere?
(1) Pacific plate, North American plate and African plate.
(2) Pacific plate, Arabian plate and Nazca plate.
(3) Cocos plate, North American plate and Eurasian plate.
(4) Pacific plate, South American plate and Cocos plate.
(5) Antarctic plate, Nazca plate and Indo-Australian plate. (.....)

15. Which option correctly shows the three examples for energy minerals, ferrous minerals and non-ferrous minerals respectively?
(1) Peat, Thorianite and Monazite (2) Sand, Clay and Gems
(3) Iron Ore, Copper and Magnesium (4) Peat, Iron Ore and Sand
(5) Nickel, Chromium and Silicon (.....)

16. What is the landform created by river erosion as depicted in the diagram?



(1) Butte (2) Gorges
(3) Pot holes (4) Zeugens
(5) Lapies (.....)

17. According to its origin, coal is best classified as which of the following types of rock?
(1) Acidic igneous rocks (2) Chemically deposited sedimentary rocks
(3) Metamorphic rocks (4) Disintegrated igneous rocks
(5) Organic sedimentary rocks (.....)

18. Earthquakes occur due to the
(1) gradual cooling of rocks beneath the Earth's surface.
(2) rotation of the Moon around the Earth.
(3) sudden release of energy stored in melted rocks under the Earth's crust.
(4) continuous formation of minerals inside the Earth.
(5) melting of igneous and metamorphic rocks on the Earth's surface. (.....)

19. Which option correctly shows the four sections of a coastal profile from the land towards the sea respectively?
(1) Backshore, Foreshore, Nearshore and Offshore
(2) Backshore, Nearshore, Foreshore and Offshore
(3) Foreshore, Backshore, Offshore and Nearshore
(4) Nearshore, Offshore, Backshore and Foreshore
(5) Offshore, Nearshore, Foreshore and Backshore (.....)

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20. 'Doline' landform is formed by
(1) Wind action. (2) Karst process.
(3) Glacial erosion. (4) Volcanic activity.
(5) River deposition. (.....)

21. Which one of the following options correctly describes 'magmatic water'?
(1) Water found as vapor in the atmosphere
(2) Water that infiltrates from the Earth surface into the soil
(3) Water found in hotwater springs
(4) Water percolated into the earth
(5) Water deposited between sedimentary layers (.....)

22. In which areas of Sri Lanka are 'Villu' found in abundance?
(1) Gal Oya, Polonnaruwa and Maduru Oya
(2) Sinharaja, Bandarawela and Welimada
(3) Agarapathana, Ambewela and Kandapola
(4) Somawathiya, Manampitiya and Wilpattu
(5) Sandathenna, Kikiliyamana and Knuckles (.....)

23. According to the National Atlas of Sri Lanka, how are the areas of Victoria, Randenigala and Rantambe classified?
(1) National Parks (2) Sanctuaries
(3) Nature reserves (4) Forests
(5) Strictly Protected Areas (.....)

24. Which one of the options describes a 'multi-hazard' situation under natural hazards?
(1) A single hazard affecting many geographical regions simultaneously
(2) Consecutive occurrence of two or more different hazards in the same region
(3) Recurrence of a same hazard repeatedly in the same location in a short period
(4) Independent occurrence of a similar hazard in different countries
(5) Repetition of a single hazard repeatedly over several years (.....)

25. What is the name of the climatic phenomenon associated with increasing surface temperature of the Pacific Ocean?
(1) La-Nina (2) Ditwah (3) El-Nino (4) Hurricane (5) Fengal (.....)

26. According to United Nations Annual Report, the World population reached to which billions in 2022?
(1) 06 (2) 07 (3) 08 (4) 09 (5) 10 (.....)

27. Which option indicates the three factors contributing to population dynamics of a country?
(1) Births, Deaths and Migration (2) Fertility, Migration and Deaths
(3) Births, Deaths and Fertility (4) Growth, Fertility and Migration
(5) Growth, Deaths and Migration (.....)

28. What is the option that indicates four highest population concentrations in the world?
(1) Southeast Asia, West Asia, Central Asia and South America
(2) East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and North America
(3) East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Europe
(4) North Asia, West Asia, Southeast Asia and South Africa
(5) South Asia, West Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia (.....)

29. Which one of the following options indicates three major components of rural settlements found in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka?
(1) Chena, Tank and Village Centre (2) Tank, Highland and Village Centre
(3) Highland, Paddyland and Plantation (4) Village Centre, Plantation and Forest
(5) Tank, Paddyland and Highland (.....)

30. Which one of the following options correctly indicates the 'Golden Banana' region in Europe?
(1) A transport corridor (2) A major industrial region
(3) An agricultural region (4) A mining region
(5) A highly urbanized area (.....)

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31. According to published data at present, what is the percentage category of urban population in the Colombo District?
(1) 30 - 39 (2) 40 - 49 (3) 50 - 59 (4) 60 - 69 (5) 70 and above (.....)

32. Which one of the following indicates a main characteristic of organic agriculture?
(1) focuses on sustainable farming (2) a capital intensive farming method
(3) uses intensive mechanization (4) focuses on higher agricultural production
(5) uses modern water management (.....)

33. Which one of the following shows a favourable impact of the Green Revolution?
(1) Reduced production cost
(2) Protection of traditional knowledge
(3) Improvement in natural fertility of soil
(4) Increased biodiversity
(5) Increased crop yield (.....)

34. Which one of the following is a basic characteristic of subsistence agriculture in Sri Lanka?
(1) High per capita farm production (2) Production used for local consumption
(3) Intensive use of machinery (4) Large-scale landholdings
(5) High capital investment (.....)

35. Which one of the following correctly describes why petroleum is considered as an essential natural energy resource?
(1) It is available only in one geographic region of the Earth
(2) It is a renewable resource with limited supply
(3) It is the major energy source for transportation
(4) It provides all energy requirements of households
(5) It produces less greenhouse gases when consumed (.....)

36. The three major industrial minerals produced in Sri Lanka are
(1) Coal, Apatite and Copper. (2) Graphite, Apatite and Mineral sands.
(3) Graphite, Apatite and Ruby. (4) Mineral sands, Copper and Ruby.
(5) Mineral sands, Copper and Coal. (.....)

37. A human health impact that directly associated with pits created by sand and gem mining in Sri Lanka is
(1) loss of livable land. (2) increased landslides.
(3) ground water depletion. (4) river water pollution.
(5) increased mosquito breeding sites. (.....)

38. Which one of the following indicates the contribution of industrial sector to Sri Lanka's foreign exchange earnings as reported at present?
(1) Less than 35% (2) Between 40% to 50%
(3) Between 55% to 65% (4) Between 70% to 80%
(5) Over 85% (.....)

39. Which one of the following is considered a major economic advantage of globalization for developing countries?
(1) Increased income inequality within countries
(2) Increased access to foreign direct investment
(3) Receiving low quality technology than high quality technology
(4) Lower prices of local goods due to competition
(5) Availability of consumer goods than investment goods in the market (.....)

40. A main objective behind the creation of regional organizations in the world is
(1) Eliminating cultural identities within a region.
(2) Establishing military power over neighbouring countries.
(3) Creating a unified government among member countries.
(4) Addressing regional challenges through cooperation.
(5) Promoting trade with non-member countries. (.....)

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Instructions:

- *In **part II** **both** questions should be answered.*
- ***Part III** consists of **four** questions and answers should be provided only for **two** selected questions.*
- *To answer this question paper, a part of* 1:50 000 *topographic map, an outline map of the world and two graph papers will be provided.*

Part II

1. You are provided with a part of the 1:50000 topographic map of Dambulla, published by the Survey Department of Sri Lanka. The contour line interval is shown as **20 metres**. Answer the following questions based on the map.

N.B.
- You should clearly state the relevant **question number** and **numbers of its subsections** in the answer script.
- **Answers should not be written on the topographic map.**
- Do **not** attach the provided topographic map to your answer script.

(i) Name the land form marked by letter Ⓐ. (01 *mark*)

(ii) Name the **two** landforms indicated by the lines Ⓑ - Ⓒ and Ⓓ - Ⓔ, respectively. (02 *marks*)

(iii) What is the feature indicated by letter Ⓕ in the map area? (01 *mark*)

(iv) State the **two** administrative boundaries indicated by the letters Ⓖ and Ⓗ respectively. (02 *marks*)

(v) Calculate the length of the bund of the Kandalama tank in killometres. (01 *mark*)

(vi) Name any **two** government institutions located within the quadrilateral Ⓚ. (01 *mark*)

(vii) Describe briefly the salient features of the map area under the following **three** headings:
(a) Road network (b) Forest and Scrub (c) Settlements (06 *marks*)

(viii) Discuss the distribution of paddy cultivation in the map area in relation to the following **three** factors:
(a) Elevation (b) Streams and tributaries (c) Irrigation water supply (06 *marks*)

2. **Mark and name** the following in the world map provided using standard colours and symbols.
   - Niger River
   - Longitude 80°.00' E
   - Mediterranean Sea
   - Lake Titicaca
   - Rocky Mountains
   - Bangladesh
   - Greenland
   - Steppe Grassland
   - Capital city of Australia
   - The Strait, where shipping transport was blocked during the early 2026 conflict between Iran and the USA. (10 *marks*)

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Part III

3. (i) What is meant by a map? (02 *marks*)

(ii) Describe briefly **two** unique features of topographic maps. (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe briefly **three** uses of thematic maps. (03 *marks*)

(iv) Explain **three** differences between printed maps and digital maps comparatively. (06 *marks*)

4. (i) Name **four** sources that can be used for obtaining remote sensing data. (02 *marks*)

(ii) Describe in brief **three** types of Remote Sensing platforms. (03 *marks*)

(iii) Examine **three** uses of Remote Sensing technology with suitable examples. (06 *marks*)

(iv) Discuss **two** challenges faced by Sri Lanka in the application of Remote Sensing technology in the development process. (04 *marks*)

5. **Table 01** shows the average paddy yield during the Yala season in Sri Lanka between 2000 - 2025. Using the data given, answer the following questions.

Table 01 : Average Paddy Yield during the Yala Season in Sri Lanka (kg per hectare), 2000 - 2025

Year	Average Paddy Yield	Year	Average Paddy Yield
2000	3697	2013	4408
2001	4119	2014	4204
2002	3773	2015	4527
2003	3709	2016	4417
2004	4244	2017	4291
2005	3976	2018	4683
2006	4263	2019	4696
2007	4543	2020	4770
2008	4195	2021	4691
2009	4186	2022	3407
2010	4444	2023	4128
2011	4347	2024	4599
2012	4145	2025	4820

Source - *Department of Censes and Statistics, 2026*

(i) What is meant by a Frequency Polygon? (02 *marks*)

(ii) Using the class intervals given below, prepare a frequency distribution table for the data presented in Table 01. (3400 - 3649, 3650 - 3899, 3900 - 4149, 4150 - 4399, 4400 - 4649, 4650 - 4899) . (03 *marks*)

(iii) Using the frequency distribution table prepared in 5(ii) above, draw a Histogram and a Frequency Polygon (Use the graph paper provided). (08 *marks*)

(iv) State **two** characteristics that can be identified in the average paddy yield in the Yala-season as depicted by the Frequency Polygon. (02 *marks*)

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6. **Table 02** shows the population of Sri Lanka by age group and sex in 2025. Using the data given, answer the following questions.

Table 02 : Population of Sri Lanka by Age Group and Sex, 2025
(in thousands)

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
0 - 9	1 398	1 371	2 769
10 - 19	1 787	1 739	3 526
20 - 29	1 451	1 526	2 977
30 - 39	1 386	1 478	2 864
40 - 49	1 515	1 575	3 090
50 - 59	1 253	1 362	2 615
60 - 69	993	1 178	2 171
70 - 79	559	758	1 317
80+	158	269	427

Source - *Registrar General's Department, 2025 (Estimated)*

(i) Draw a Pyramid Graph using the population data given in Table 02 (use the graph paper provided). (08 *marks*)

(ii) Briefly describe **one** significant characteristic for each of the age groups of 0-19, 20-59 and 60 & above that can be identified from the pyramid graph you have constructed. (03 *marks*)

(iii) State **four** advantages of using a pyramid graph to represent the above population data. (04 *marks*)

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Instructions:

* *Selecting **at least two** questions from each part, answer **five** questions only.*

Part I - Physical Geography

1. (i) What is meant by Geo System? (02 *marks*)

   (ii) Describe briefly **three** significant characteristics of the biosphere. (06 *marks*)

   (iii) Describe the interaction of biosphere with other **three** sub systems with the help of a diagram. (06 *marks*)

   (iv) Examine **three** physical factors that adversely affect the biosphere. (06 *marks*)

2. (i) What is meant by Valley Glaciers? (02 *marks*)

   (ii) Describe briefly **three** actions of valley glaciers found in mountain areas. (06 *marks*)

   (iii) Name **six** landforms of valley glaciers marked as A, B, C, D, E and F in Figure 01. (06 *marks*)

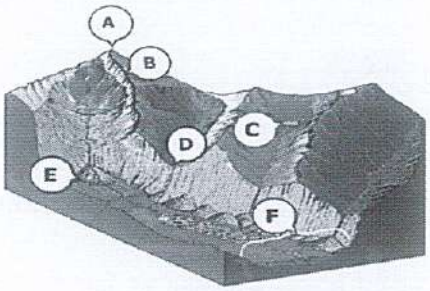


Figure 01

   (iv) Explain following **three** glacial landforms according to its location with suitable sketches.
   (a) Lateral moraines (b) Medial moraines (c) Terminal moraines (06 *marks*)

3. (i) What is meant by Disaster Management? (02 *marks*)

   (ii) Describe in brief **three** functions of the Disaster Management Centre in Sri Lanka. (06 *marks*)

   (iii) Explain **four** main phases of the disaster management cycle with a diagram. (06 *marks*)

   (iv) Discuss **three** actions taken by the government during and after the '*Ditwah*' disaster in Sri Lanka. (06 *marks*)

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4. (i) What is meant by a Biome? (02 *marks*)

(ii) Describe briefly the **three** major factors that influence the diversity of biomes in the world. (06 *marks*)

(iii) Explain **three** salient features of the Tropical Rain Forests biome in the world. (06 *marks*)

(iv) Discuss **three** problems faced by Tropical Rain Forests due to human activities. (06 *marks*)

Part II - Human Geography

5. Table 01 shows the distribution of elderly people aged over 60 years by major regions in the world, for the year 2017 and projected data for the year 2050. Answer the following questions using the data.

Table 01 : The distribution of elderly people aged over 60 years by major regions in the world, for 2017 and 2050

Major regions	Elderly people aged over 60 years			
	2017		2050 (projected)	
	in millions	percentage	in millions	percentage
Africa	68.8	7.2	225.8	10.9
Asia	549.2	57.1	1273.2	61.2
Europe	183.0	19.0	247.2	11.9
North America	78.4	8.1	122.8	5.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	76.0	7.9	198.2	9.5
Oceania	6.9	0.7	13.3	0.6
World	**962.3**	**100.0**	**2080.5**	**100.0**

Source : *United Nations (2018)*

(i) What is meant by the Ageing Index? (02 *marks*)

(ii) Describe **three** significant features of the distribution of the elderly people aged over 60 years in the major world regions in 2017. (06 *marks*)

(iii) Describe **three** changes in the distribution of the elderly people aged over 60 years in the major regions of the world in 2050 compared with 2017. (06 *marks*)

(iv) Examine **three** challenges faced by Sri Lanka due to the increase in the ageing population. (06 *marks*)

6. (i) Name the **two** main settlement patterns in the world. (02 *marks*)

(ii) Describe **three** subdivisions of regular settlements with examples. (06 *marks*)

(iii) Discuss **three** characteristics commonly found in rural settlements. (06 *marks*)

(iv) Explain the **four** levels of hierarchy of Mahaweli settlements in Sri Lanka. (06 *marks*)

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7. Table 02 below shows the distribution of world iron ore production in 2014 and 2022. Answer the following questions using the data.

Table 02 : World Iron Ore Production in 2014 and 2022 (million tons)

Country	World Iron Ore Production			
	2014		2022	
	Million tons	Percentage	Million tons	Percentage
Australia	767	32.9	880	33.9
Brazil	411	17.6	410	15.9
China	369	15.8	380	14.6
India	129	5.5	230	8.8
Russia	102	4.4	100	3.8
South Africa	78	3.3	61	2.3
USA	58	2.5	46	1.8
Iran	45	1.9	50	1.9
Canada	41	1.8	68	2.6
Other Countries	330	14.3	375	14.4
World Total	**2 330**	**100.0**	**2 600**	**100.0**

Source : *USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, 2024*

(i) State **two** reasons why iron ore is considered as an important raw material in manufacturing industries? (02 *marks*)

(ii) Describe **three** salient features in the distribution pattern of the world's iron ore production in 2014. (06 *marks*)

(iii) Explain **three** changes in the world's iron ore production in 2022 compared to 2014. (06 *marks*)

(iv) Examine **three** problems associated with the iron ore mining industry in the world. (06 *marks*)

8. (i) State the criterion under which a visitor arriving in Sri Lanka is considered as a tourist. (02 *marks*)

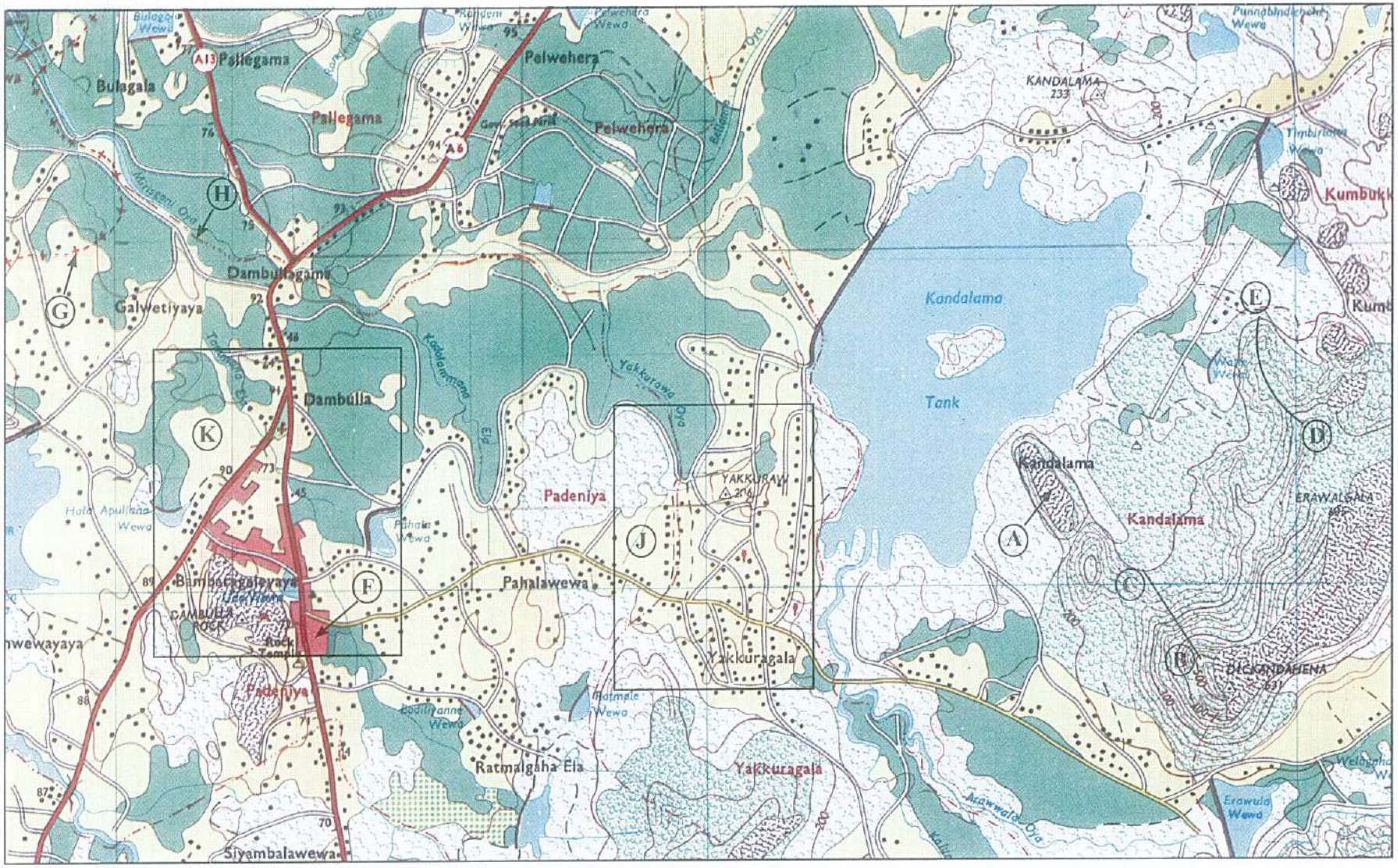
(ii) Describe **three** main objectives influencing for international tourists to visit Sri Lanka. (06 *marks*)

(iii) Discuss **three** major types of tourism that Sri Lanka offers to international tourists. (06 *marks*)

(iv) Explain **three** measures that have been recently adopted by the government to develop tourism industry in Sri Lanka. (06 *marks*)

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