READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This Resource Booklet contains Sources which you should use to answer Question 3 (Section B)

You should spend approximately 10 minutes reading the sources before attempting to answer the question. This is allowed for within the time set for the examination.
Source A

Statements from residents living in Indian administered Kashmir.

1. ‘Business has been bad since the Kargil War because we are on the front line. There have hardly been any foreign tourists. I don’t know what’s in store for us. We hear there are various initiatives to get all sides together in a process of dialogue. But until there is some kind of solution, there is not much point in paying much attention.’ (Mohammad Sadiq, a hotel manager in Kargil)

2. ‘I don’t have any big dreams. I would like to have a quiet life with a steady job. All we want is peace so we can go to school or college or to work. Someday we will have the political leaders we deserve.’ (Ghulam Khan, a waiter in Gulmarg)

3. ‘We support azaadi.’ (Ali Mohammad, a resident of Bandipur)

4. ‘As violence broke out, people who we had lived with for years suddenly turned their backs on us. When we fled, we left behind our home, our possessions, everything. Life here in this camp is unbearable. The government has provided us with one-room homes. My family used to live in a two-storey house. We had rich farmland and a little shop as well.’ (Radhakrishnan, a Hindu living in a refugee camp in Jammu)

Source B

Statements about cross-border links between Pakistan-controlled Kashmir and Indian-controlled Kashmir.

1. ‘The Jhelum highway was Kashmir’s main commercial artery, but since 1947 the valley of Kashmir has been totally cut off from the rest of the world.’ (an Indian journalist, speaking in 2000)

2. ‘The re-opened Jhelum bus route from Srinagar to Muzaffarabad is a caravan towards peace.’ (Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, speaking in 2005)

3. ‘It is no fun running a bus service fortnightly when we have thousands of divided families eager to visit each other.’ (Omar Abdullah, an MP from Kashmir in the Lok Sabha, speaking in 2005)
Scenarios: a referendum to settle the problem of Jammu and Kashmir

A referendum will be held to settle the conflict in Jammu-Kashmir. Three possible scenarios will be offered in the vote. Consider all three and decide which one you consider would be best for the population of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and for stability in the region.

One: The Line of Control becomes the India-Pakistan border. The Siachen Glacier is demilitarized.

Two: India gives up its claims and Jammu-Kashmir becomes part of Pakistan.

Three: Both India and Pakistan give up territory so Jammu-Kashmir becomes an independent country.
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