

2016

GEOGRAPHY

(Major)

Paper : 1.1

(Understanding Geography)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions : 1×7=7

(a) *Die Erdkunde* was written by

(i) David Harvey

(ii) Friedrich Ratzel

(iii) Carl Ritter

(iv) P. Haggett

(b) The concept of possibilism as opposed to environmental determinism was propounded by

(i) Friedrich Ratzel

(ii) V. Humboldt

(iii) E. Huntington

(iv) Vidal de la Blache

(2)

(3)

- (c) What is an open system?
- (d) 'Present is the key to the past' is a statement given by
- (i) W. M. Davis
 - (ii) James Hutton
 - (iii) Walther Penck
 - (iv) C. M. King
- (e) One of the earliest to prove that the earth is spherical were
- (i) Greeks
 - (ii) Arabs
 - (iii) Romans
 - (iv) Indians
- (f) Who used the term 'Geography' for the first time?
- (g) Who coined the term 'Cultural Landscape'?

2. Give a very short answer of the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) Define the term 'space' as used in geographical study.
- (b) Mention two important characteristics of a region.

- (c) Give a definition of Geography put forward by an eminent geographer. Also mention the name of the geographer.
- (d) Mention the major branches of Physical Geography.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 5×3=15

- (a) State the scope of Economic Geography as a major branch of Human Geography.
- (b) Explain the term 'spatial interaction' with suitable examples.
- (c) Briefly explain the present-day relevance of Geography.
- (d) Discuss the contributions of one eminent geographer of modern age who made significant contributions to development of Geography.
- (e) Describe Geography as an interdisciplinary discipline.

4. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 10×3=30

- (a) Discuss the major contributions of geographers of Medieval age towards development of Geography. 10

- (b) Explain with examples how the spatio-temporal variations of geographical events and phenomena are analysed in Geography. 10
- (c) State the need of physical and human geographic studies in Geography. 10
- (d) Write short notes on the following : 5+5=10
- (i) Geography as a spatial science
 - (ii) System concept in Geography
- (e) Discuss the scope of Geography with suitable examples. 10
