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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 as directed : 1×7=7

(a) Who among the following may rightly be called as the father of geography?

(i) Herodotus

(ii) Ptolemy

(iii) Eratosthenes

(iv) Hecataeus

(Choose the correct option)

(b) Name the French geographer who refuted the concept of physical determinism and advocated possibilism.

(c) Write the meaning of the term 'geography'.

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- (d) A river basin representing fluvial system is a type of system called
- (i) closed system
  - (ii) open system
  - (iii) drainage system
  - (iv) hydrological system
- (Choose the correct option)
- (e) Who developed the theory of cycle of erosion?
- (f) Who among the following wrote the book, *Kosmos*?
- (i) Karl Ritter
  - (ii) Friedrich Ratzel
  - (iii) Vidal de Lablache
  - (iv) Alexander von Humboldt
- (Choose the correct option)
- (g) Who among the following tried to measure the circumference of the earth?
- (i) Anaximander
  - (ii) Hecataeus
  - (iii) Eratosthenes
  - (iv) Posidonius
- (Choose the correct option)

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2. Give a very short answer of the following questions : 2×4=8
- (a) What do you mean by the word 'Space' in geography?
  - (b) What are the components of a system?
  - (c) What is environmental determinism?
  - (d) Mention any two branches of economic geography.
3. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 5×3=15
- (a) Explain why geography can be regarded as an integrated discipline.
  - (b) State the concept of human ecology as applied in contemporary geographical studies.
  - (c) State with examples how geography studies the spatio-temporal variations of geographical phenomena.
  - (d) State the concept and ideas associated with the welfare approach in geography.
  - (e) State with examples the applications of system concept in geography.

4. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

10×3=30

- (a) Explain the nature and scope of human geography.
- (b) Explain the relevance of geographical studies in resolving the recently emerging environmental problems of the world.
- (c) Briefly discuss the salient features of development of geography during modern period.
- (d) "Physical and Human geography are the two wings of geography." Discuss the statement.
- (e) Discuss some of the basic concepts of geography with examples.

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