

QUESTION BANK

Paper 601: Evolution of Geographical Thought (Theory), Semester –VI B.A. Hons. III Year, Geography.

Unit-1: Paradigms in Geography

- What do you mean by a 'Paradigm'?
- Describe what is 'Kuhn's Model' about.
- Identify and discuss various Crisis Phases of development in Geographic development.
- Identify and discuss various Paradigmatic Shifts in Geographic development.
- What have been the major Paradigms in geography?

Unit-2: Pre-Modern

- "Certain pre-historic civilizations are linked to geography in its initial Phase of development." Discuss.
- What did the ancient Greek scholars inherit from the Mesopotamian people?
- What were the major fields of geographical learning contributed by ancient Greeks and Romans?
- Write a Note on: Dark Age in Europe.
- What is 'T-in-O Map'?
- What were the major fields of geographical learning contributed by Arabs?
- What were the major developments of Age of Discovery?
- What were the major scientific developments during the Age of Discovery?
- Why Age of Discovery is also called a 'Renaissance Phase'?
- Name some important explorers that emerged in the scene during the Age of Discovery, highlighting their discoveries.
- Discuss the factors of evolution of Arab School in medieval period.
- Discuss the impact of Age of Discovery on geographic development.

- Discuss the state of discipline of Geography during Greco-Roman School in ancient period.
- Discuss the state of discipline of Geography during Arab School in medieval period.

Unit-3: Modern

- “It is commonly said that the Greeks laid the foundations of Geography and the German built its structure.” Discuss.
- “Humboldt and Ritter were not only contemporary their works were also complementary to each other.” Discuss.
- Discuss the factors of evolution of French School in Modern period.
- Discuss the factors of evolution of American School in Modern period.
- Discuss the factors of evolution of British School in Modern period.
- What does Videlian Tradition refer to?
- A Note on : Determinism
-: Possibilism
- Ecological View
-: Chorology.
-: Teleology.
-: Neo-Determinism.
-:Lebensraum
- : Geopolitics
-: Ontography
-: Heartland Theory
- Distinguish between ‘Regional’ and ‘Systematic’ Approach.
- Distinguish between the Geocentric and Heliocentric View of the Universe.
- Why Emmanuel Kant is known as the Father of Exceptionalism in Geography?
- Discuss: Davis’ Cycle of Erosion
-: Darwin’s Theory of Evolution’
-: Landscape Concept

- What were the major fields of geographical learning contributed by German School?
- Discuss the state of discipline of Geography during French School of Thought.
- Discuss the state of discipline of Geography during American School of Thought.
- Discuss the state of discipline of Geography during British School of Thought.
- Discuss the influence of Darwin's revolutionary thinking on geographical development.
- Discuss major developments in Geography during the Pre-Classical Phase of German School.
- Discuss major developments in Geography during the Classical Phase of German School.
- Discuss major developments in Geography during the Post-Classical Phase of German School.

Unit-4: Debates

- What do you mean by Dualism in Geography?
- Identify major dualisms in Geography.
- Discuss major concepts of a Region.
- Discuss major Attributes of a Region.
- Distinguish between :‘Synthetic’ and ‘Analytical’ Regionalisation.
-: Formal and Functional Regions.
-: Core and Periphery.
-: Determinism and Possibilism
- : Systematic and Regional
- : Idiographic and Nomothetic.
- : Systematic and Nomothetic

Unit-5: Trends

- What does the term ‘Spatial’ indicate in Geography?
- What was Schaefer-Hartshorne-Debate’ about?
- What do you mean by Quantitative Revolution?
- Discuss the impact of Quantitative Revolution on geographic development.
- What do you mean by Critical Revolution?
- What do you mean by Digital Revolution?
- Explain: A System
-:Radicalism
-: Behaviouralism.
-: Humanism.
-: Feminism.
-:Behaviour of a System
-: Environment of a System
-: Information (Organisation) in a System
-: State of a System
- “A distinction is generally sought between Radical and Socialist Feminism.” Elaborate.
- What do you mean by Women Empowerment and what are the ways to achieve it?
- What are the essential features of a System?
- Describe the Structure of a System.
- Discuss various types of System.
- Identify the areas of geographical study where System’s Approach may meaningfully be applied.
- Identify major trends in Geographic development in its Contemporary Phase.
- Distinguish between Positivist and Counter-Positivist Response in geographic development in Post- Modern period.
- Write a Note on: General Systems Theory.
-: Post-Modernism
-: Behavioural Movement and rise of Behavioural Geography.
-:The Humanistic Approaches

-: Basic Concepts of Behaviouralism
-: Salient features of Behaviouralism
- : Scope of Behavioural Geography
-: Behavioural Movement and its Achievements
-:Concepts of Space
-:Concepts of Spatial Organisation