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Subject: GEOGRAPHY

Paper: GEO - 401

(Theory)

Full Marks: 40

Time: 2hrs.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GEO 401.1 Schools in Geographical Thought

Answer any One of the following questions

1. Assess the field of geography and evaluate its position in the genera of academic disciplines.
2. 'The subject geography assimilates the knowledge from physical and social sciences and synthesize them in a comprehensive manner to reflect spatial identities'- evaluate this statement to justify the interdisciplinary nature of geography.
3. Give an account of the contradictory thoughts of AV Humboldt and C Ritter regarding the nature of geography.
4. Assess the contributions of Alfred Hettner in German School of thought.
5. Describe the sequence of major paradigm shifts in geographic thought during the twentieth century.
6. 'Models and modelling made a conspicuous entry into geography in the 1960s'- critically discuss the statement.

GEO 401.2: Contemporary Discourses in Geography

Answer any One of the following questions

1. How does pragmatism bridge between positivism and humanism?
2. Inductive axioms promote positivism whereas deductive axioms promote logical positivism – Discuss
3. Examine whether quantitative revolution ensures scientific status to geography.
4. Assess the relevance of radicalism in explaining the geography of poverty and human sufferings.
5. 'Essence of volatility, ephemerality and disposability of both post-structuralism and postmodernism negatively affects geography' – Explain
6. Explain with example, the process of formation of social space by active interaction of society with their physical environment.