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Class 11th                      Subject Geography

Ch Geography as a Discipline

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Read the following passage throughly and try to understand and Write down in your H.W.Copy.

What is the effect of nature on man?

Being in nature, or even viewing scenes of nature, reduces anger, fear, and stress and increases pleasant feelings. Exposure to nature not only makes you feel better emotionally, it contributes to your physical well being, reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension, and the production of stress hormones. It may even reduce mortality. Food clothing, shelter and occupation of man are decided by the nature

How does technology help man?

- to loosen the shackles of the physical conditions.
- to develop resources and utilise them.
- to reach the higher needs of the life. It increased the production of the crops& mobility of labor.

Describe the dialogue between nature and man.

You created the soil, I created the cup,  
You created night, I created the lamp.  
You created wilderness, hilly terrains and deserts;  
I created flower beds and gardens.

Explain the changes occurred in the civilization of man in course of time?

1. Man moved from stage of necessity to stage of freedom.
2. Created new possibilities from the nature
3. We find now humanized nature and naturalised man
4. Space got organized with the help of transport and communication.

What does Geography study?

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is, quite simply, about the world in which we live. Geography is unique in bridging the social sciences (human geography) with the natural sciences (physical geography). It also studies spatial organization and spatial integration.

Which are the three questions concerned with Geography?

(i) Some questions are related to the identification of the patterns of natural and cultural features as found over the surface of the earth. These are the questions about what?

(ii) Some questions are related to the distribution of the natural and human/cultural features over the surface of the earth. These are the questions about where? (iii) The third question is related to the explanation or the causal relationships between features and the processes and phenomena. This aspect of geography is related to the question, why?

How can we say that Geography is an integrated discipline?

It is a discipline of synthesis; it includes spatial and temporal synthesis.

Its approach is holistic in nature. It recognizes the fact that the world is a system of interdependence. The present world is a global village. The efficient transport and communication helped the world to become unified village. The audiovisual media helped the data to be enriched. Technology provided better chances of monitoring natural phenomena as well as the economic and social parameters. Geography as an integrating discipline has interface with numerous natural and social sciences.

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