

Class 11th Subject Geography

Ch Geography as a Discipline

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.

What is the basic objective of Sciences & Social Sciences?

The basic aim of Science and Social Science is to understand the reality of the nature.

Explain the relationship of Geography with other subjects?

2 RELATION WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

How do other subjects help Geography as an integrated subject?

History helps in knowing the man-made activities; Physics helps to calculate the effect of climate on man. Economics helps to understand the effect of human activities on the development of the country. The geographical factors modified the course of history. The change in the climate has influence on the occupation.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY AND NATURAL SCIENCE

Define the relation of geography with Natural Science.

All branches of physical Geography have close relation with Natural Sciences. Biogeography has close link with Zoology and Botany.

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Mathematics and Arts also have contributed to the development of Geography to measure the area and dimensions of the earth. Cartography and projections are based on mathematics.

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