

## **MAHESH PUBLIC SCHOOL, JODHPUR**

### **CLASS –XI (GEOGRAPHY) short notes**

#### **Chapter – I**

#### **Why Should we study Geography?**

1. We live on the earth's surface
2. Our lives are affected many ways by our surroundings
3. We depend on the resources available from the earth surface
4. Primitive societies substituted on the plants and animals
5. Food, shelter, and dress are depending on the climate
6. Cropping pattern is based on climate of the place
7. To know the changes taken place throughout the geological time
8. To know the lands and people
9. Develop skills to convert globe to map
10. To have visual sense of the earth surface

The earth consists of physical and cultural features. They are different from one place to another. This difference helped to understand the relation between physical and cultural features. Physical features provided the stage and human societies enacted the drama to develop their skills. With the use of skills and tools, he modified the nature

#### **Geography is the Description of the Earth.**

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#### **What is the origin of the word „Geography“?**

The word derived from Greek language geo= earth , graphos=description. Some scholars defined geography as the description of the earth as the abode of human beings.

#### **How can we say that the earth is „multidimensional“?**

Many Sciences developed to describe the physical features of the earth such as Geology, Pedology, Oceanography Botany Zoology and Meteorology & Cultural features of the earth such as Economics, History, Sociology, Political Science, Anthropology,

#### **How does Geography differ from other subjects?**

Geography differs from other subjects in terms of matter and methodology. Geography derives its data from Social Sciences and Natural Sciences.

**What do you mean by „areal differentiation“?**

When there is similarity and dissimilarity among the physical and cultural features on the earth surface, it is called aerial differentiation.

**What do Geographers study?**

They study the variations and association of the features on the earth surface e.g. Cropping pattern differs from place to place and it is due to difference in the climate, soil, demand, transport facility, capacity of the farmer. A geographer also studies the cause and effect relationships. The interaction between man and nature is highly dynamic and not static; so it is also called as the study of the relation between unstable earth and untrusting man.

**What is the relation between man and nature?**

Human is an integral part of nature and nature has imprints of man.

**What is the effect of nature on man?**

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 flower beds and I created the 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?**

1. 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?**
2. 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?**
3. 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,