

Total Pages—4

PG/IVS/GEO-401/15

M.A./M.Sc. 4th Semester Examination, 2015

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER — GEO-401

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks
Candidates are required to give their answers in their
own words as far as practicable*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

**Write the answers to questions of each Unit
in separate books**

UNIT — XXXVII

(Schools in Geographical Thought)

GROUP — A

1. Answer any *one* question from the following :
- (a) 'Geography is a discipline of synthesis' — 8×1
Justify the statement through its linkage
with other disciplines. 8

(Turn Over)

(2)

- (b) Outline the contribution of French school of thought in the development of Geography as a scientific discipline in late 19th century.

8

GROUP – B

2. Answer any *two* questions from the following :

4 × 2

- (a) Differentiate the tenets of physical geography from human geography.
- (b) Explain why geography is known as a chorological science ?
- (c) Differentiate Nomothetic approach from ideographic approach.
- (d) Establish *possibilism* as counter approach to *determinism*.

GROUP – C

3. Answer any *two* questions :

2 × 2

- (a) What do you mean by *school of geographical thought* ?

- (b) What is 'Pays' ?
- (c) What is meant by *paradigm* ?
- (d) What are the salient features of possibilism ?

UNIT – XXXVIII

(*Contemporary Discourses in Geography*)

GROUP – A

1. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1
- (a) How did Hartshorne respond to the questions raised by Schaefer in 1950s ? 8
 - (b) Explain the methods for quantifying welfare of a region. Enumerate the social indicators used by Smith (1973) for analysing social wellbeing. 5 + 3

GROUP – B

2. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2
- (a) Why the uniqueness of regional approach is undermined in systematic discourse ?

- (b) How far the views of 'Vienna Circle' differ from empirical positivism ?
- (c) Explain with examples how are men and women affected differently by environmental degradation.
- (d) Elucidate the tenets of 'positivism' underlined by Comte.

GROUP – C

3. Answer any *two* questions : 2 × 2

- (a) Briefly mention the circumstances for adopting quantitative revolution in geography.
- (b) Assess the importance of Seneca-Falls Convention in relation to Feminist-movement.
- (c) Briefly discuss the main principles of phenomenology.
- (d) How does history differ from geography ?