

Chapter - 1.

Human Geography Nature and scope

1. What do you mean by geography?

(ans) The word geography comes from the Greek word *goge* (earth) and *graphein* (to write and draw about the earth) the meaning of geography is a field of science devoted to the study of the phenomena of earth. The first person to use the word *Strabo* was *Strabo*. Geography is an all-incompassing discipline that seeks an understanding of the earth and its human and natural complexities not merely *where* objects are but *how* they have changed and come to be.

2. What do you mean by human geography?

(ans) Human geography is a branch of geography that deals with the study of people and their communities, culture, ~~economic~~ ~~economies~~ Economy and interaction with the environment by studying their variation with and across space and place and place. human geography attends to human patterns of social interaction as well as special level interdependencies of social interaction as well as special level and how they influence or affect

the earth's environment as an intellectual discipline

3) Scope of human geography?

⇒ Human geography studies the inter-relationship between the physical and socio-cultural environment created by human beings through mutual interaction with each other the process of adaptation adjustment with the modification of the environment started with the appearance of human beings over the surface of the earth in different ecological niches (in relation with ecological systems). Thus, if we imagine the beginning of human geography with the interaction of environment and humans, it has its roots deep in history.

4. How determinism, possibilism and Neo-determinism is different from each other?

a) Determinism: According to this ideology every activity of a human being controlled by human being - followers believe that physical factors like climate, relief, natural vegetation etc control all activities and life-style of human beings. Determinism generally considers human as a passive factor which is influenced by environmental factors.

Possibilism : According to this ideology Men is able to make change in his/her environment and can use many possibilities of nature according to his desires. This ideology is human centered in relation to human and environment.

Neo-determinism : This ideology is a philosophy between the both of above ideologies. Giffith Taylor [England] has admitted that humans can only effect the environment by a certain extent. In the same way is believed that human intelligence is also capable of influencing the environment to a limit. The chief-responsibility of the geographers is to be an adviser, not to be explain the plan of nature.

* Positivism :- This ideology which emphasized the use of quantitative methods so that the analysis of geographical patterns of various factors can be done to make the analysis more productive.

* Weyan Approach :- This ideology refers to the social problems arising out of capitalism in human geography in which social and regional inequality, poverty, urban slums, etc are studied with emphasis on its solution.