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M.A. (Final) Geography
Paper - II: Urban Geography

Unit - I

- a) Nature and scope of urban geography, urban concept.
- b) Development of urban geography.
- c) Traditional and contemporary conceptual bases of urban geography.
- d) Origin and growth of urban centres.
- e) Process of urbanisation: meaning, measurement, facts, causes and problems.

Unit – II

- a) Classification of urban centres according to size and function: comparative assessment.
- b) Theories of urban system: the law of primate city and the rank-size rule.
- c) Central place theory: Christaller's central place system.
- d) Losch's central place theory and the derivation of Losch's economic landscape.
- e) Ranking of towns and delimitation of sphere of influence: definitions and methods.

Unit - III

- a) Urban systems in the modern world: stages of urban systems development.
- b) Typology of 'urbanised' regions.
- c) Urbanised regions and theories of regional development.
- d) Urban land use: human ecology and urban land use models of Burgess, Harris-Ullman and Hoyt; land economics and urban land use.
- e) Central business district (CBD): criteria and methods of areal definition, historical process and CBD; the zone in transition.

Unit - IV

- a) The residential areas of the city: structures-the analysis of house types.
- b) Social characteristics of residential areas.
- c) Housing markets and institutional influences.
- d) The city as a social world: environment and behaviour.
- e) Local social interaction in the city; territory, locality and neighbourhood.

Unit - V

- a) Manufacturing areas in city.
- b) Urban transport system; transport problems and strategies.
- c) Rural-urban fringe.
- d) Intra-urban and inter-urban inequalities.
- e) The city in the developing world with special reference to the India: colonial origin of towns, city plan, over urbanisation and squatter settlements.

Suggested Readings:

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