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M.A. / M.Sc. (Final) Geography Paper - III (C): Population & Settlement Geography

Unit - I

- a) Meaning, scope and development of population geography.
- b) Population geography and demography.
- c) Sources of data: population counts and census; sample data.
- d) Reliability of data and problems of mapping population data.
- e) Data errors and their detection and correction.

Unit - II

Population distribution:

- a) Theoretical issues of population distribution.
- b) Measures of population distribution.
- c) World pattern of population distribution.
- d) Determinants of population distribution.
- e) Population distribution in India; patterns and determinants
- a) Population growth since prehistoric period.
- b) Demographic transition theory and population growth models.
- c) Fertility analysis, fertility patterns and its determinants.
- d) Mortality analysis, patterns and its determinants.
- e) Growth of population in India: patterns, components and determinants.

Unit - IV

Population structure and characteristics:

- a) Age structure and sex composition.
- b) Educational composition.
- c) Urbanisation.
- d) Economic characteristics and occupational structure.
- e) Population composition of India: characteristics and problems.

Unit - V

- a) Evolution, size and spatial distribution pattern of human settlement and related theories and models.
- b) Physical structure of settlements; internal characteristics and external forms.
- c) Functional structures of settlements; functional classification of towns and functional typology of villages; functional landscape of settlements.
- d) Settlement hierarchy: concept and contributing factors.

Suggested Readings:

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