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**M.A. (Previous) Geography**  
**Paper - I: Evolution of Geographical Thought**

Unit - I

Philosophy of geography and geography during ancient and medieval period:

- a) Definition, nature and scope of geography
- b) Brief study of Greek and Roman scholars.
- c) Geographical concept in ancient India.
- d) The dark age of geography.
- e) The Arab period.

Unit - II

The beginning of modern geography:

- a) Contribution of Bernhardus Varenius.
- b) Contribution of Immanuel Kant.
- c) Impact of Darwinian Theory on geographical thoughts.
- d) Contribution of Alexander von Humboldt.
- e) Contribution of Carl Ritter.

Unit - III

Major school of thoughts and their contribution:

- a) Main characteristics of German school of thoughts and contributions of Friedrich Ratzel, Alfred Hettner and Ferdinand von Richthofen.
- b) Main characteristics of French school of thought and contributions of Paul Vidal de la Blache and Jean Brunhes.
- c) Main characteristics of American school of thought and contributions of W.M. Davis, Richard Hartshorne and Carl O. Sauer.
- d) Main characteristics of British school of thought and their contribution to geography.
- e) Main characteristics of contemporary Indian geographical teaching and research.

Unit - IV

Major conceptual trends in geography:

- a) The study of man-land relationship: environmental determinism, possibilism and neo-determinism.
- b) Geography as chorological science and areal differentiation.
- c) Geography as morphology of landscape.
- d) Dichotomies in geography: physical v/s human and systematic v/s regional geography.
- e) Dichotomies in geography: qualitative v/s quantitative approach, analysis v/s synthesis approach.

Unit - V

Issues related to explanations in geography:

- a) General ideas of hypothesis, theories and laws in geography.
- b) Forms of explanations in geography.
- c) Exceptionalism in geography and the Schaefer-Hartshorne debate.
- d) Impact of positivism and scientific method in geography.
- e) Behaviouralism, humanism and radicalism in geography.

## Suggested Readings:

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