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Lesson - 7

Human Environment - Settlement, Transport and Communication

Notes:-

Settlements :- Settlements are places where people build their homes. Early beings lived on trees and in caves.

Settlements can be permanent or temporary :-

Permanent settlements :- The people living in deep forests, hot and cold deserts and mountains often dwell in such temporary settlements. They practice hunting, gathering, shifting cultivation and transhumance. However more and more settlements today are permanent settlements.

Temporary settlements :- Settlements which are occupied for a short time are called temporary settlements.

The four major means of transport are roadways, railways, waterways and airways.

Roadways :- The most commonly used means of transport especially for short distances are roads. They can be metalled (pucca) and unmetalled (kutcha). Roads

build underground are called subways/under paths. Fly Jovers are build over raised structures.

Railways:- The railways carry heavy goods and people over long distances quickly and cheaply. Indian railways network is well developed. It is the largest in Asia.

Waterways:- Water-ways are the cheapest for carry heavy and bulky goods over long distances. They are mainly of two types - Inland waterways and sea routes.

Inland waterways:- Navigable rivers and lakes are used as inland waterways. Some of the important inland waterways are the Ganga-Brahmaputra river system, the Great Lakes in North America and the river Nile in Africa.

Sea routes:- Sea routes and oceanic routes are mostly used for transporting merchandise and goods from one country to another. These routes are connected with the ports. Some of the important ports of the world are Singapore and Mumbai in Asia, New-york, Los Angeles in North America, Rio de Janeiro in South America, Durban and Cape Town in Africa, Sydney in Australia, London and Rotterdam in Europe.

Airways :- This is the fastest way of transport developed in the early twentieth century. It is also the most expensive due to high cost of fuels.

Communication :- Communication is the process of conveying messages to others. With the development of technology humans have devised new and fast modes of communication.

⇒ Answer the following questions:-

Q1: What are the four means of transport?

Ans1: The four means of transport are -

- 1- Roadways.
- 2- Railways.
- 3- Waterways.
- 4- Airways.

Q2: What do you understand by the term 'settlement'?

Ans2: Answer in notes.

Q3: Which are the activities practised by the rural people?

Ans3: Agriculture, fishing, forestry, crafts work and trading etc. are the activities practised by the rural people.

Q4 → Mention any two merits of railways.

Ans4 → The two merits of railways are :-

- 1- Railways carry heavy goods and people over long distance quickly and cheaply.
- 2- They carry them in bulk.

Q5 → What do you understand by communication?

Ans5 → Answer in notes.

Q6 → What is mass media?

Ans6 → Mass media is the communication that can be established with a large number of people at one time. The popular means mass media are :- Newspapers, radio and television.

Give reason:-

Q7 → Today's world is shrinking?

Today's world is shrinking because we have many of the various means of communication like newspaper / radio etc. They provide us all the information and thus bring the world at our door.