

Long Answer Questions

Q.1. Write a note on the utility of communication.

Ans. (i) The advancement in the field of communication has brought about an information revolution in the world.

(ii) Mass media like newspapers, radio and television are used to give education, information and entertainment to people.

(iii) Satellites detection have helped in oil exploration, survey of forests, underground water, mineral wealth, weather forecast and disaster warning.

(iv) Now we can send electronic mails or e-mails through Internet.

(v) Wireless telephonic communication through cellular phones have become very popular now-a-days.

Q.2. Write a note on rural settlements.

Ans. (i) Rural settlements are found in villages.

(ii) The villages are rural settlements engaged in activities like agriculture, fishing, forestry, crafts work, trading, etc.

(iii) Rural settlements can be compact or scattered.

(iv) A compact settlement is a closely built area of dwellings wherever flat land is available.

(v) In a scattered settlement, dwellings are spaced over an extensive area.

(vi) They are spread in hilly tracts, thick forests and regions of extreme climate and houses depend on environment.

(vii) In rainy areas, houses are constructed on a raised platform.

(viii) In areas of hot climate, thick mud-walled houses with thatched roofs are found.

Q.3. Write a short note on roadways.

Ans. (i) The most commonly used means of transport especially for short distance are roads.

(ii) These can be metalled (pucca) and unmetalled (kutcha). Plains have a high density of roads.

(iii) Roads have also been built in terrains like deserts, forests and even high mountains.

(iv) Roads built underground are called subways/underpaths.

(v) Flyovers are built over raised structures.

Q.4. What are the benefits of railways?

Ans. (i) The railways carry heavy goods and people over long distances quickly and economically.

(ii) The invention of steam engine and the Industrial Revolution helped in speedy development of rail transport.

(iii) Diesel and electric engines have largely replaced the steam engines.

(iv) The constructions of superfast trains have made the journey faster.

(v) Railways are developed in difficult mountain terrains also.

(vi) Indian railway network is the largest in Asia.