

## Short Answer Questions

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**Q.1. What are the natural conditions for the selection of an ideal site?**

**Ans. (i)** Favourable climate

**(ii)** Availability of water

**(iii)** Suitable land

**(iv)** Fertile soil

**Q.2. How did settlements flourish?**

**Ans. (i)** Early human beings lived on trees and in caves.

**(ii)** When they started growing crops, it became necessary to have a permanent home.

**(iii)** The settlements grew near the river valleys as water was available and land was fertile.

**(iv)** With the development of trade, commerce and manufacturing, human settlements became larger.

**(v)** Settlements flourished and civilisations developed near river valleys.

**Q.3. What are the two types of settlements?**

**Ans. (i)** Settlements can be permanent or temporary.

**(ii)** Settlements which are occupied for a short time are called temporary settlements.

**(iii)** The people living in deep forests, hot and cold deserts and mountains often dwell in such temporary settlements.

**(iv)** They practice hunting, gathering, shifting cultivation and transhumance.

**(v)** However, more and more settlements today are permanent settlements. In these settlements, people build homes to live in.

**Q.4. Write a short note on sea routes.**

**Ans. (i)** Sea routes and oceanic routes are mostly used for transporting merchandise and goods from one country to another.

**(ii)** These routes are connected with ports.

**(iii)** Some of the important ports of the world are Singapore and Mumbai in Asia, New York and Los Angeles in North America, Sydney in Australia, Durban and Cape Town in Africa and London and Rotterdam in Europe.

**Q.5. Write a short note on waterways.**

**Ans.** Waterways are the cheapest means for carrying heavy and bulky goods over long distances. There are mainly two types of routes: inland waterways and sea routes.

**Q.6. What are inland waterways? Give examples.**

**Ans.** Navigable rivers and lakes are used as inland waterways. Some important waterways are the Ganga–Brahmaputra river system, the Great Lakes in North America and the river Nile in Africa.