

**M.A. Examination, 2017**  
**Semester-II**  
**Geography**  
**Course – X**  
**(Geographical Thought)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 40**

*Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.*

Answer **any three** questions selecting **one** from each unit.

**Unit-I**

**(Nature and Explanation in Geography)**

1. Distinguish between *nomothetic* and *ideographic* approaches in Geography. Explain how the nature of Geography has changed since the publication of Hartshorne's *The Nature of Geography*. 4+10=14
2. Elucidate the major modes of explanation in Geography in brief. What do you understand by paradigm in this discipline? 10+4=14

**Unit-II**

**(Dualism in Geography)**

3. What is meant by dualism in Geography? Explain the integration of Geography through chorology till Alfred Hettner. 3+10=13
4. Explain the concepts of Environmental determinism and Possibilism. Analyze the Schaefer's view on the '*exceptionalist*' claims made for Regional Geography. 7+6=13

**Unit-III**

**(Contemporary Trends in Geography)**

5. Define positivism. Write a brief note on the development of Positivism. 3+10=13
  6. Trace the emergence and identify characteristics of Welfare Geography. Justify the need for its reflection in public policy. 10+3=13
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