

Human Geography:

Definition, Nature & Scope

Q: Define Human Geography. 3

Human Geography is the study of human being in relation to their physical environment. It studies the changing relationship between man and environment with socio cultural, socio economic and socio political aspects.

Human geography studies the inter relationship between the physical environment and the cultural environment created by man.

According to Ratzel “Human geography is the synthetic study of relationship between human societies and earth’s surface”.

According to E. C. Semple “Human geography is the study of the changing relationships between the un-resting man and unstable earth”

Q: What is the Nature of Human geography: 3

Human geography tries to create a chain of relationship between human life with the respective environment in which they live.

Human geography is **the synthetic study of relationship between human societies and earth's surface**. Human geography is the study of changing relationship between the un-resting man and the unstable earth.

Human geography **consists of a number of sub-disciplinary fields that focus on different elements of human activity and organization**, for example, cultural geography, economic geography, health geography, historical geography, political geography, population geography, rural geography, social geography, transport geography etc.

Question:

Write a note on the scope of human geography.

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Answer

Geography as a field of study is integrative, empirical, and practical. Thus, the reach of geography is extensive and each and every phenomenon that varies over space and time can be studied geographically.

The core concern of geography as a discipline is to understand the earth as home of human beings and to study all those elements that have sustained them. Human geography covers a very wide range of fields. It not only studies presence of human phenomenon but also relationship of human and physical world, the pattern and distribution of human processes including both social and economical.

It makes study of geography more relevant as it tries to relate the physical and man-made world with full causal understanding hence making it more applicable to our daily lives. It not only helps us to understand various problems, their causes and effects, but also helps us in finding a suitable solution for them. In the present scenario with increasing discord between human beings and nature resulting in environmental destruction, human geography becomes all the more relevant as it explains the relationship between human and nature and thus assumes highly important role in helping to bring back the environmental symphony and hence saving our planet. #