

# Human Environment - Settlement, Transport and Communication

## Q1. Answer the following questions.

### (i) What are the four means of transport?

**Answer:** The four means of transport are as follows:

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

### (ii) What do you understand by the term 'settlement'?

**Answer:** The term 'settlement' refers to a place where people build their homes to live in. Earlier human beings lived in forests and in caves but with time and advancement in vegetation, humans made homes to create settlements.

### (iii) Which are the activities practiced by the rural people?

**Answer:** Activities like agriculture, fishing, forestry, crafts work, trading, etc. are practiced by the rural people.

### (iv) Mention any two merits of railways.

**Answer:** Two merits of railways are as follows:

- They carry people over long distances quickly and cheaply.
- They carry heavy goods in bulk.

### (v) What do you understand by communication?

**Answer:** Communication is the process of conveying messages to others. Technology has helped in the discovery of faster means of communication. Telephone, mobile phone, internet are some means of communication.

### (vi) What is mass media?

**Answer:** Different means of communication have brought about an information revolution in the country. Newspapers, radio, and television are called mass media because we can communicate with a large number of people through them.

## Q2. Tick the correct answer.

### (i) Which is NOT a means of communication?

- (a) Telephone
- (b) Books
- (c) Table

**Answer:** b

### (ii) Which type of road is constructed under the ground?

- (a) Fly over
- (b) Expressways
- (c) Subways

**Answer:** c

**(iii) Which mode of transport is most suitable to reach an island?**

- (a) Ship
- (b) Train
- (c) Car

**Answer:** a

**(iv) Which vehicle does not pollute the environment?**

- (a) Cycle
- (b) Bus
- (c) Aero plane

**Answer:** a

**Q3. Match the following.**

<b>(i) Internet</b>	<b>(a) areas where people are engaged in manufacturing, trade and services</b>
<b>(ii) Canal route</b>	<b>(b) closely built area of houses</b>
<b>(iii) Urban areas</b>	<b>(c) houses on stilts</b>
<b>(iv) Compact settlement</b>	<b>(d) inland waterway</b>
	<b>(e) a means of communication</b>

**Answer:**

(i) Internet	(e) a means of communication
(ii) Canal route	(d) inland waterway
(iii) Urban areas	(a) areas where people are engaged in manufacturing, trade and services
(iv) Compact settlement	(b) closely built area of houses

**Q4. Give reasons.**

**(i) Today's world is shrinking.**

**Answer:** Today's world is shrinking because of a better means of transportation and communication. People can communicate with anyone across the world sitting at their home and can cover the longest distances within the shortest period of time. This has enabled the world to easily get in contact with each other. We can get the news of a far off land just with a blink of our eyes. England or America or even Moon or Mars are not now far from us. Newspapers, radio, and television have brought a revolution in communication. The satellites have made them even faster. Wireless telephonic communications through cellular phones have become more popular today. The use of the internet has made everything available on our plates. So, it is not exaggerating to say that today's world is shrinking.