

Chapter 7 - Human Environment - Settlement, Transport and Communication

1. 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: Settlements are places where human beings built their homes. 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 practised by the rural people?

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

(iv) Mention any two merits of railways.

Answer: Two merits of railways are as follows:

1. Heavy goods can be transported to longer distances within a shorter period of time
2. It is a cheaper means of transport

(v) What do you understand by communication?

Answer: Communication is the process of conveying messages to others. Technology has helped in discovering faster means of communication. Telephones, Mobile phones, internet are a few means of communication.

(vi) What is mass media?

Answer: Different means of communication have brought about an information revolution in the country. Various means like radio, television and newspapers are used to provide information to people. This mode of providing information is known as mass media.

2. 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) aeroplane

Answer: a

3. Match the following.

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

Solution:

(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

4. 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.