

SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
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Paper Code: UA05CGEO15	Total Credits: 3
Title Of Paper: History of Geographical Thought	

Unit	Description in detail	Weightage (%)
1	GEOGRAPHY IN THE ANCIENT PERIOD: Geography in the ancient period Development of geographical thoughts in ancient India. Contribution of Greek and Roman Geographers – Herodotus, Eratosthenes, Strabo and Ptolemy.	
2	GEOGRAPHY IN MEDIEVAL PERIOD: Character of Geography in medieval period – the Dark Age, the Arabic period and the renaissance period. Period of explorations: Discoveries and spread of European trade.	
3	MODERN GEOGRAPHY: Geography in the modern period Development of scientific geography, Varenus and Emmanuel Kant, Geography in the nineteenth century, contributions by Humboldt and Ritter, Impact of Darwin	
4	CONTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS: Contribution of American geographers – Davis, sample and Huntington Dualism in Geography: Human and Physical, Regional and Systematic	
5	RECENT TRENDS IN GEOGRAPHY: Recent trends in Geography, Environmental determinism, and possibilism, Developments of models in geography, approaches in Geography: behavioural, humanistic and rational	

Basic Text & Reference Books:

- Arild Holt-Jensen (1999): Geography: History and Concepts, Sage Publ. London.
- Hussain Majid (1984): Evolution of Geographical Thought, Rawat Publications, Jaipur
- Tozer, H. P. (1951): History of Ancient Geography, Cambridge
- Dikshit, R. D. (1997): Geographical Thought: Contextual History of Ideas, Prentice Halls, New Delhi
- Taylor G. (1951): Geography in the 20th century, Matheun & Co. London
- Chorley, R. J. (Ed) : Directions in Geography, Matheun & Co. London
- Richard, P. (1998): Modern Geographical Thought, Blackwell

