

**GEOGRAPHY
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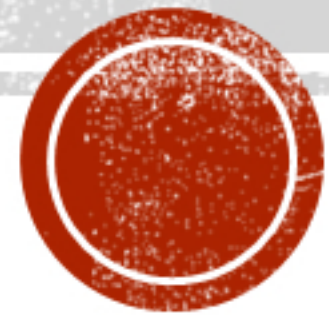


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ANSWER WRITING FOR PAPER 1 OPTIONAL GEOGRAPHY

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PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

- Types of questions
 1. Very general questions of the type “ write an explanatory note on geographical systems”
 2. Specific questions like “Write a note on pseudo volcanic features”
 3. Too general ones like “discuss the contemporary paradigms of Geography”



HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

1. Application based questions “Discuss the applicability of Christaller Central Place theory”
2. Analytical questions “There are considerable democratic similarities between West European Nations and Japan. Explain.”



APPROACH FOR PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

1. Definition of the term involved
2. Basic information about the term
3. The process involved
4. Examples if required
5. The COBEG analysis in short
6. Conclusion



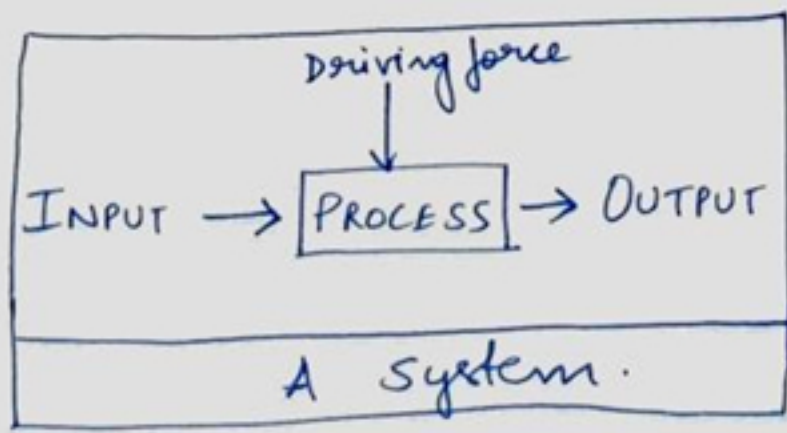
FOR EXAMPLE THE GEOGRAPHICAL SYSTEMS QUESTION

A Geographical system is an assemblage of interrelated parts that work together in response to a driving force. This driving force can be a natural force in physical systems and a functional aspect of a human system.

characteristics of a geographical system:

- ① Generalization of the functional aspect.
- ② Constituents of any system include

- (i) Input
 - (ii) Force
 - (iii) Output.
- } Integration of all these.



- ③ All systems have three basic features
 - Elements
 - Attributes
 - Relationships.

Examples of the constituents.

Elements	Attributes	Relationship.
plants, Rain drops, Animals Humans	Size, Quantity, Volume	Cause & effect based on Associations

Types of Systems:

- ① Closed system
- ② Open system
- ③ Morphological system
- ④ Cascading system

Examples of geographical systems

- (i) A river system
- (ii) A coral reef system
- (iii) A volcanic system
- (iv) An urban region as a functional system.

So, A geographical system is essentially an integrated unit of various elements interacting with each other and its surroundings with a spatial element as the basis.

APPROACH FOR HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

1. Introduction to the concept
2. Introduction to the theory associated with it
3. Basic assumptions of the theory
4. The postulates of the theory
5. The impact of various human Geography aspects on the theory in terms of RIPE SWAT, regional, industrial, political, economics, settlement, welfare approach, agricultural, transportation etc
6. Drawbacks of the theory and its applicability to practical purposes and two different regions (especially India)
7. Conclusion



FOR EXAMPLE THE CHRISTALLER'S THEORY QUESTION

Christaller's central place theory postulates an ideal generalization on the way settlements evolve & are spaced. It is a theoretical analysis of the size and distribution of settlements within an urban system. The predominant urban function theorized in here is Marketing.

The theory is useful for a few practical purposes for market based settlements but for most cases it ~~is~~ deviates from reality.

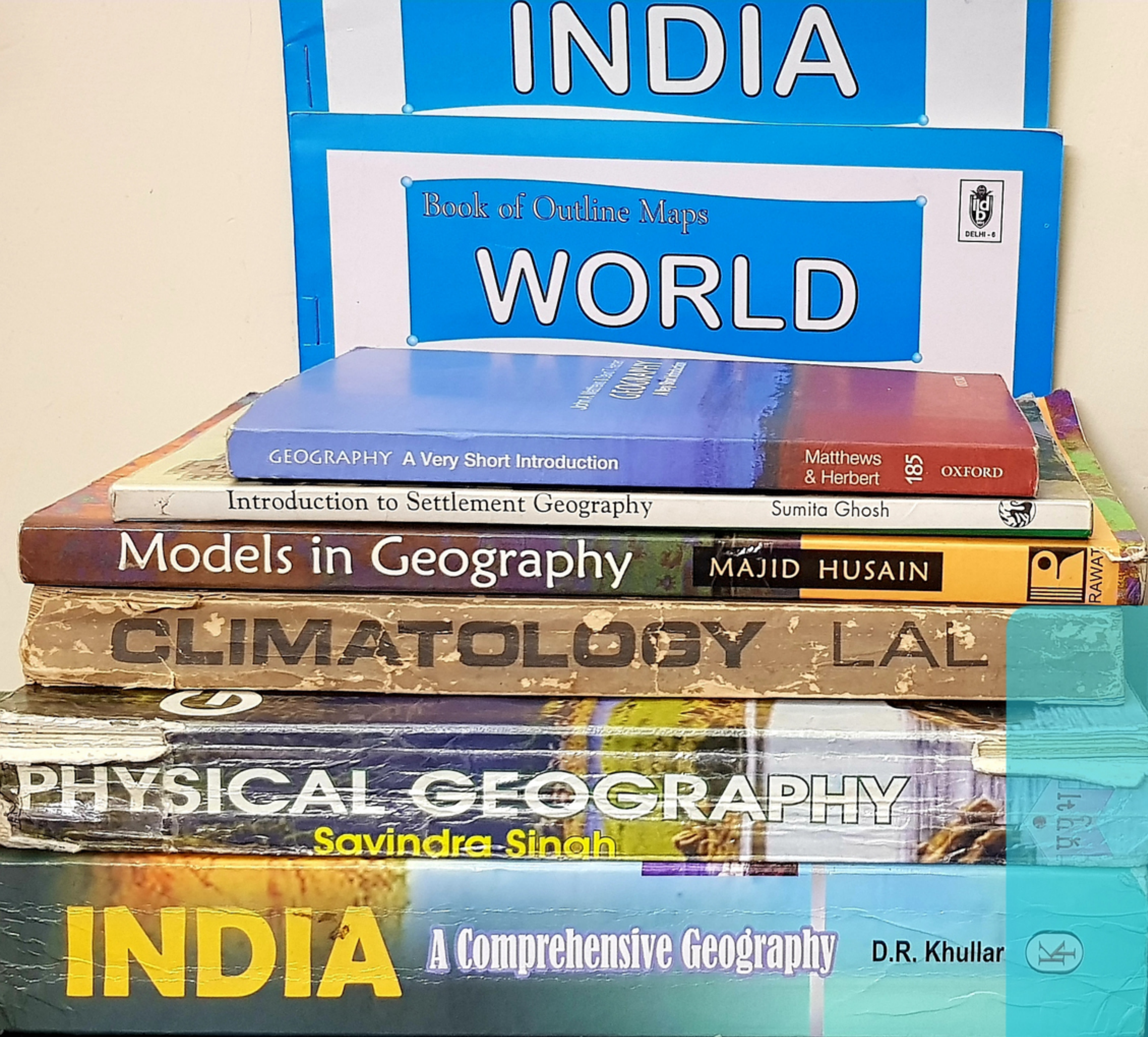


Theory Applicable to	The theory impractical for.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A homogenous, Iso tropic surface.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Such a situation does not exist in real world.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homogenous market behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This may change with changing situations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicable to the European continental Metropolitan regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many exceptions in coastal conurbations, Industrial towns etc
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suitable to primary Agricultural regions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neglects the influence of Industry as a factor for settlement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be applied to evaluate consumer behavior etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Apart from all the above factors the value of 'k' (i.e. 3 for marketing principle, 4 for transportation and 7 for Administration) are poor approximation of reality on ground.

Though central place theory cannot be directly applied to the present day settlements. It still forms the basis of settlement studies. Modifications to the theory for improving its practical applicability can make it less restrictive.





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Matthews & Herbert 185 OXFORD

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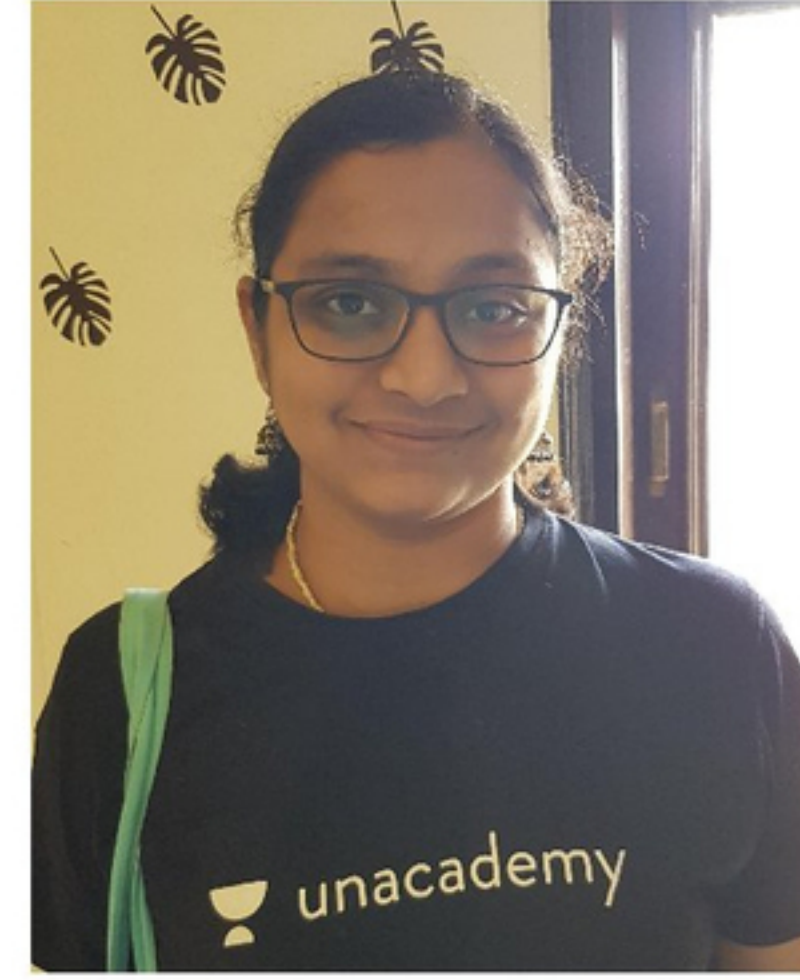
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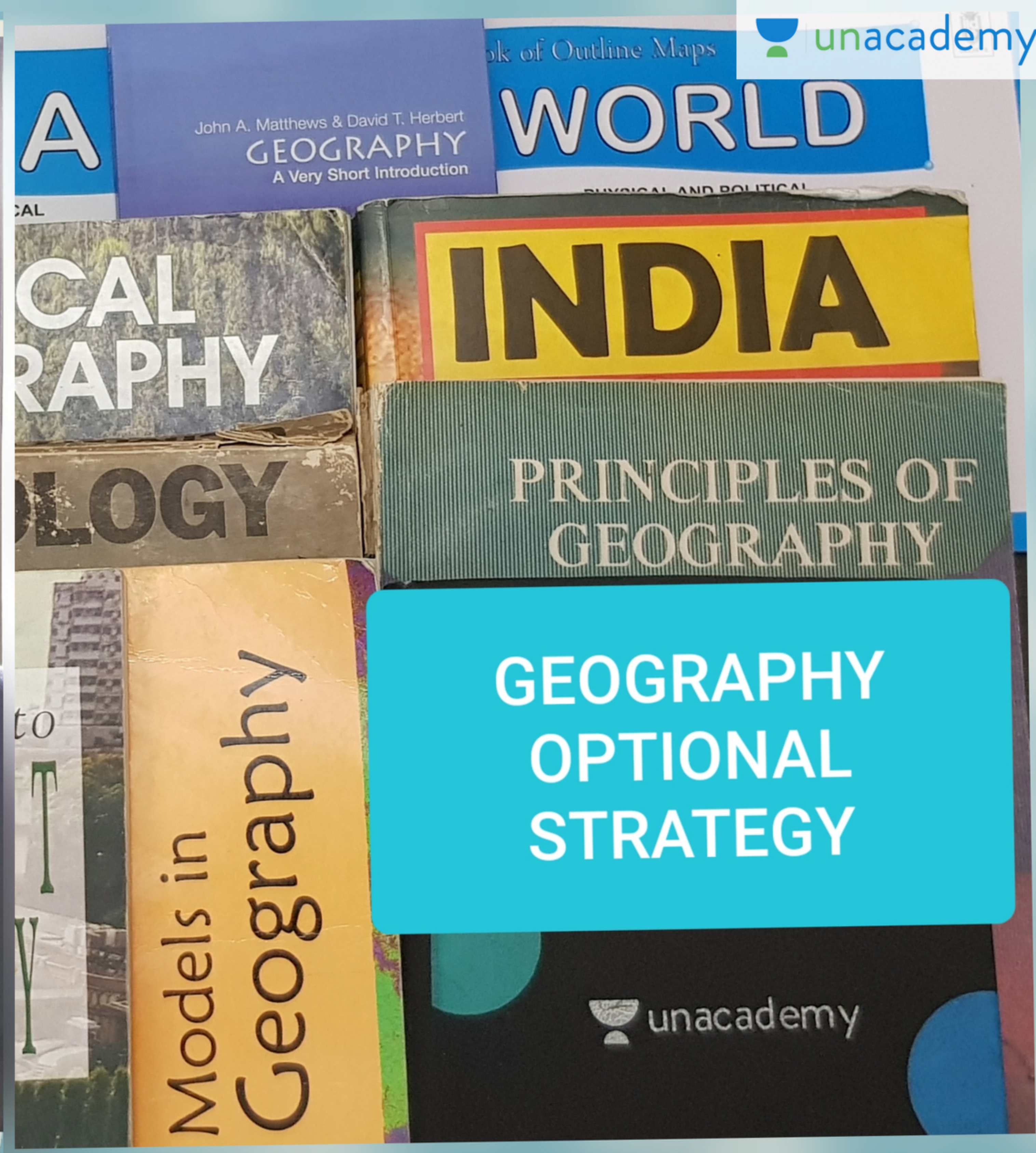
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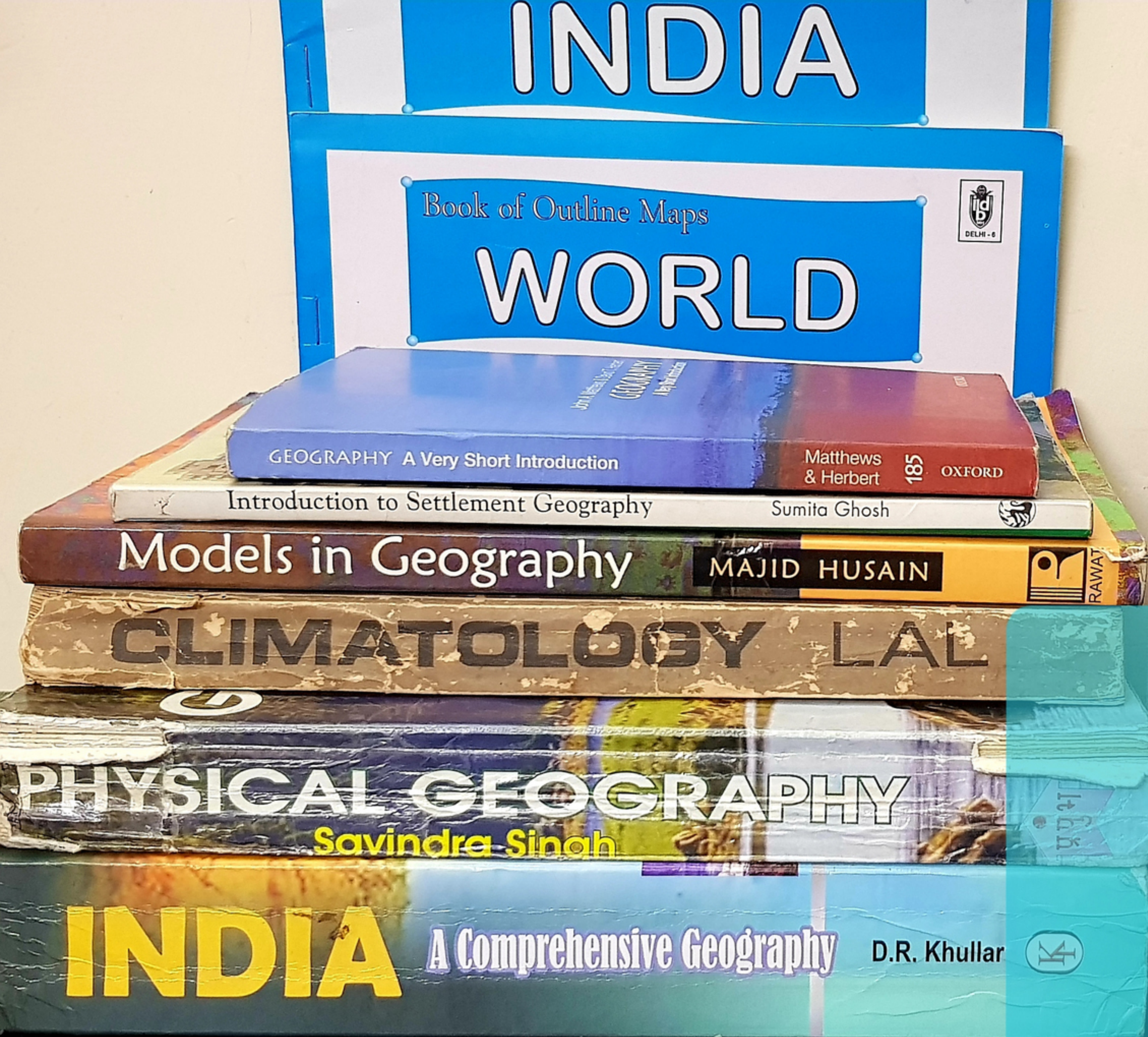


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