

CBSE Class –VIII Social Science
NCERT Solutions
GEOGRAPHY Chapter 7
Human Environment- Settlement, Transport and Communication

Q1. Answer the following questions.

- (i) What are the four means of transport?**
- (ii) What do you understand by the term ‘settlement’?**
- (iii) Which are the activities practised by the rural people?**
- (iv) Mention any two merits of railways.**
- (v) What do you understand by communication?**
- (vi) What is mass media?**

Answers: (i) The four means of transport are:

- Roadways
- Airways
- Railways
- Waterways

(ii) Settlements are places where people build their homes. They may be temporary or permanent.

(iii) The activities practised by the rural people are agriculture, fishing, forestry, crafts work and trading etc.

(iv) (a) Railways carry heavy goods and people over long distances quickly and cheaply.

(b) The railway network is more spreadout and hence, more areas are accessible.

(v) Communication is the process of conveying messages to others. With the development of technology, humans have devised new and fast models of communication such as radio, television and the internet.

(vi) Mass media is the means by which communication can be established with a large

number of people at one time. Newspapers, radio and television are popular means of mass media.

Q2. Tick the correct answer.

(i) Which is NOT a means of communication?

(a) telephone (b) books (c) table

Ans: (c) table

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

(a) flyover (b) expressways (c) subways

Ans: (c) subways

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

(a) ship (b) train (c) car

Ans: (a) ship

(iv) Which vehicle does not pollute the environment

(a) cycle (b) bus (c) aeroplane

Ans: (a) cycle

Q3. 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
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