

Final Exam Study Guide

Chapter 6 – Population Geography

- The major factors contributing to population change (birth, death, migration)
- Stages of demographic transition and colonial empires vs. colonies
- Sustaining population growth and population control: (Neo-)Malthusianism vs. Social injustice
- Causes of migration: push vs. pull
- Impacts of migration: population structure, economic, cultural, political

Chapter 7 – Cultural Geography

- What is culture? What is the relationship between culture and geography?
- Cultural determinism, ethnocentrism, cultural relativism
- Relationship between culture traits, complexes, systems, regions, and realms
- How places are given meaning through culture
- How culture shapes and is shaped by the social, political, economic relationships between places
- Cultural change through innovation, spatial diffusion, assimilation, and acculturation

Chapter 8 – Spatial Interaction

- Mental conceptions of places and how they shape/are shaped by spatial interactions
- Barriers and friction in spatial interaction
- Role of migration in shaping cultural change; migration patterns
- Technology impacts on spatial interactions
- Globalization and time-space compression

Chapter 9 – Political Geography

- Difference between nation and state; different types of states (nation-state, multinational state, etc.)
- Challenges to States: sovereignty, internal tensions, external forces
- Nationalism and state cohesion
- Types of boundaries and how they can create conflict
- Supranationalism and forms of global and regional governance/cooperation

Chapter 10 – Economic Geography

- What are subsistence, market, and planned economies
- Capitalism and socialism; neoliberal economic theory and historical materialism
- Levels of economic activity (primary through quinary)
- Trade patterns for primary and secondary products
- Industrial location models
- Comparative advantage, specialization, structured dependence, economic imperialism

Chapter 11 - Urban Geography

- Origins of cities; city functions
- Site and situation of cities
- Economic organization of cities and regions
- Forces behind suburbanization and problems associated with suburbanization/urban decline
- Urbanization, urban renewal, gentrification, and segregation within/between cities

Chapter 13 – The Regional Concept

- Formal, functional, and perceptual regions
- General characteristics of the concept of a region and its characteristics
- General understanding of the different regional categories