

GEOGRAPHY HONS

SEMESTER IV

Paper: Core 8t (REGIONAL PLANNING)

Principles of Regional Planning

1. **Principle of Vertical Unity:**

The principle of vertical unity means that all phenomena (both physical and cultural) that operate in a regional space are fully integrated and interrelated with each other.

2. **The Principle of Horizontal Spatial Unity:**

This principle implies that each region constitutes a sub-system of the whole regional system. Therefore, all the regions work together in case of planning. Thus, planning for any region cannot be done in isolation from the planning of the adjacent region.

3. **The Principle of Space-time Continuum:**

This principle implies that spatial reality is as true as temporal entity. Therefore, for the planning of a region, time frame is also taken into consideration.

4. **The Principle of Comprehensive Development:**

Comprehensive development means that the regional planning seeks to achieve the comprehensive development of the entire regional space. That means all the sectors of economy along with all the segments of society to be developed in a regional planning

5. **The Principle of Community Development:**

The principle of community development is the principle of equal opportunities to all for self development.

6. **The Principle of Equilibrium between Social Desirability and Economic Viability**

This principle implies that while planning for comprehensive development of all regions, the regional planner has to maintain a balance between what is socially and economically desirable and viable during one point of time for a particular region.

7. **The Principle of Ecological Equilibrium**

The regional planning should make the ecology and environment sustainable. In other words, all developments in a region should be carried out without disturbing the ecological balance of any region, i.e. in a sustainable way and in a friendly manner.

