

Q. The - Geography of England helped in bringing Industrial Revolution. Explain.

Ans → Industrial Revolution → It refers to the transition of hand production methods to machines, new chemical manufacturing and iron production processes, the increasing use of steam power and rise of mechanised factory system.

Geographical Factors :-

- Government spent considerable amount on the improvement of roads, canals etc.
- Maritime activities through navigable rivers and canals in Britain quickened the pace and cheapened the cost of transportation, i.e. diminishing the expense of carriage.
- Firm foundation of roads by dumping large stones in road bed to withstand heavy loads.
- Coal and Iron deposits were plentiful in England and proved essential to the development of all new machines made of iron or steel and powered by coal.
- Introduction of Railways in 19th century further accelerated the transportation.
- Agriculture occupied a prominent position in the English way of life as it was an indispensable source of raw materials for the textile industry.
- The Enclosure movement was a push in the 18th century which made it possible to institute improved farming techniques on a wider scale.

- By providing enough food to sustain an adequate workforce, England was preparing the way for expansion of the Industry.
- Due to aloofness from the main land of Europe England was free from political disputes and conflicts.

To conclude, the Industrial Revolution did more good than harm, and has aided the world today by making work faster and easier as well as more productive. So in all effort, the Industrial Revolution has been of very good aid to man and the society today.