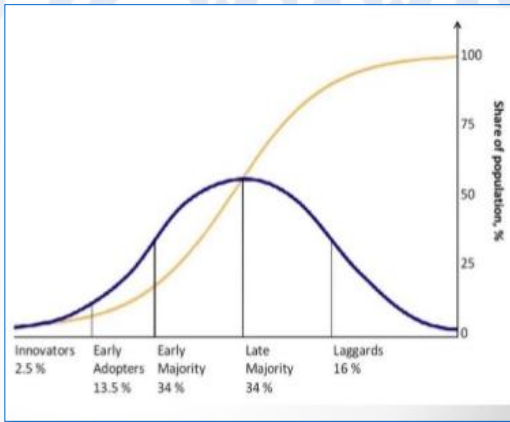
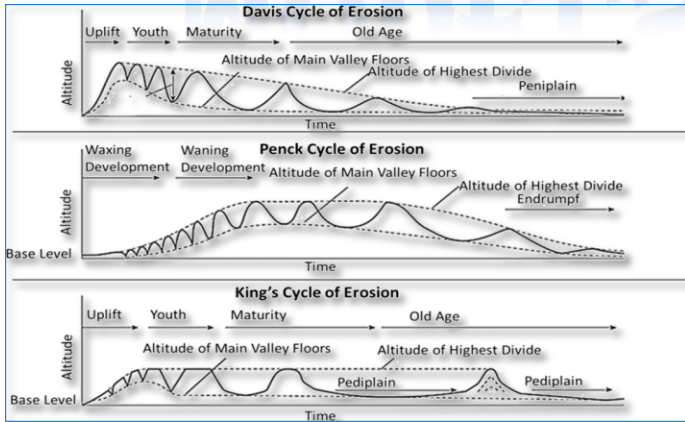
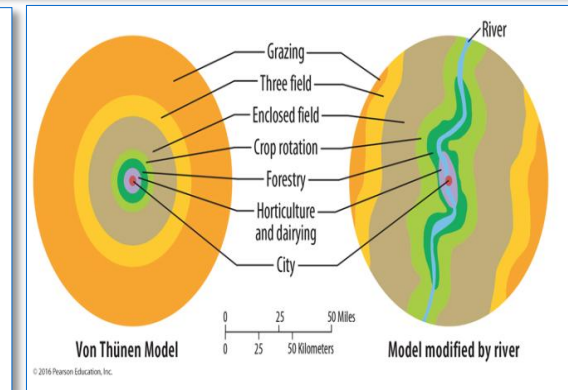
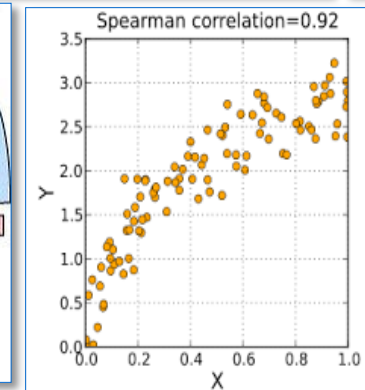
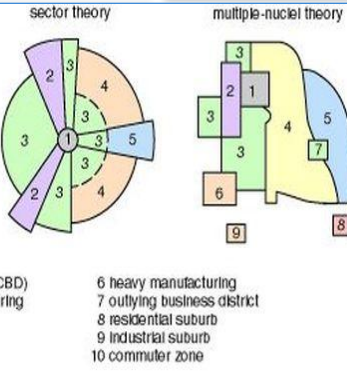
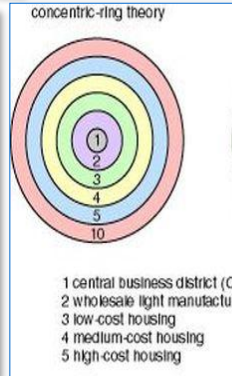
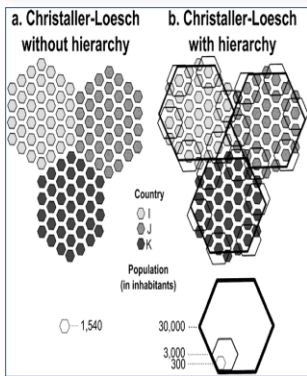
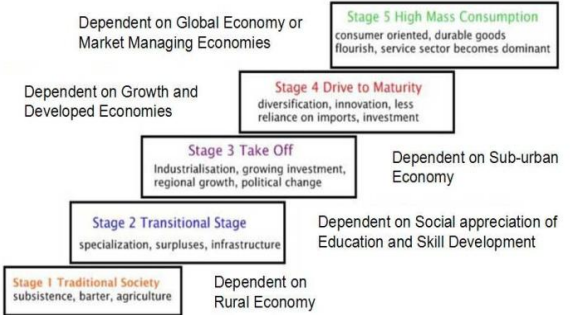


# MODELS & ANALOGUES



## Rostow's 5 Stages of growth



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**“The purpose of models is not to fit the data but to sharpen the questions” –  
Samuel Karlin**

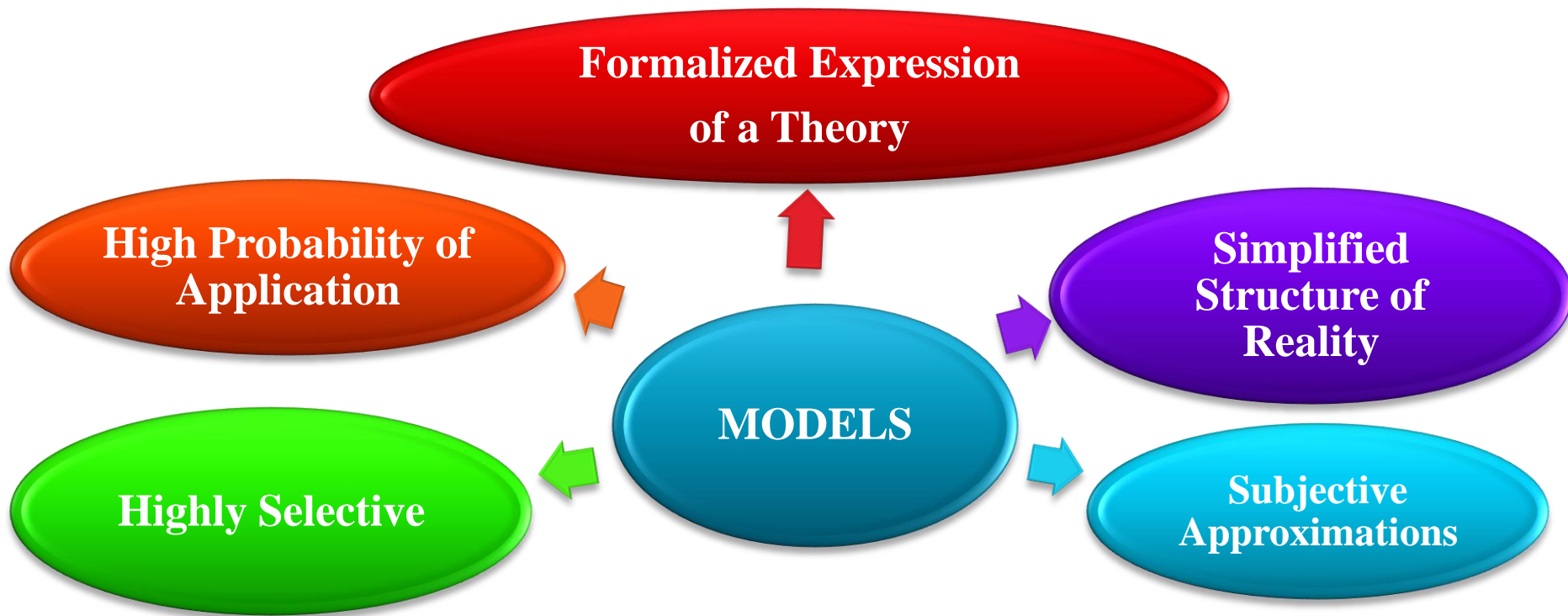
# Introduction

## What is Models ?

- ▶ Models are the idealized representation of geographical phenomena in Simplified Structured way. -( Minssul)
- ▶ A model represents geographical reality in simplified manner. -(R.J. Chorley)
- ▶ A model is Skeletal representation of theory, which means that a theory may apply more than one model but a model represented one theory .

*Geographers construct models to analyze geographic processes because the real object of study may be too large to examine, the processes which created it operate over too long of a time frame, or experimentation might actually harm or destroy it.*

# Properties of Models



**“All models are wrong but some are useful” – George Box**

# Uses of Models

the models are of tremendous utility for their users:

- ▶ **Models simplify the otherwise complex relationships of the phenomena in the real world.**
- ▶ **Models represent the reality not only in simple but also in systematic /orderly manner.**
- ▶ **In geography, models are taken as generalizations, as they encourage the role of nomothetic approach in making observations.**
- ▶ **Models act like a bridge between the observational and theoretical levels.**
- ▶ **Models help in making prediction of trends.**

Thus, models may be used to connect theory and experience, experience with imagination, theories with other theories, and imaginative creations with formal theory and so on.



# *Functions of Models*

*1. Acquisitive/ Organizational*

*2. Logical*

*3. Psychological*

*4. Normative*

*5. Systematic*

*6. Constructional*

*7. Selective*

*8. Interpretative*

*9. Cognitive*

# Limitations of Models

- *The concept of models poses considerable methodological difficulty.*
- *There is a multiplicity of model types performing a multiplicity of functions associated with a multiplicity of definitions.*
- *Each particular model exhibits a different logical capacity for performing the function required of it.*
- *In fact, the type, nature, use, quality and significance of models – all depends on the types of theories to which they serve.*

“No one trusts a model except the person who wrote it. Everyone trusts an observation except the person who made it.” – Anon.

# **Model Question**

- 1. What is model? Discuss the need, functions and its limitation in geography.**
  
- 1. Write short notes on the following:**
  - **Properties of models in geography**
  - **Functions of models in geography**
  - **Need of models in geography**



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