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What follows is my attempt at writing an M.Phil dissertation. It is research in the sense that it compiles in a pre-determined and critical manner, what has been searched carefully by other economists, past and present, on the topic "Industrial Location."

It is purely a library-based theoretical research without any attempt to examine or adduce empirical data.

The frame work of study accepted for this work comprises:

- a) Basic statement of the theory of industrial location.
- b) Examination of its assumptions.
- c) Highlighting the causes of industrial location put forward by the particular theory.
- d) Review of major criticisms.
- e) Conclusions.

Another limitation of the present study is that it considers mainly the theories, particularly associated with location, of a firm or agglomeration of a number of firms in one place. The present study does not cover theories which deal with the wider and complicated issue of regional imbalances and regional development. Industrial location is an important causal aspect of regional development, and this study is limited to the explanation of that aspect only and nothing more.

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