

Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 1 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Define Geography in its different stages of development ?

Ans 1: The subject Geography is very important due its wider scope in all spheres of life. Therefore, with the passage of time it has expanded and its definition also changed due to expanded study and scope.

The word Geography is combination of two Greek words "Geo which means earth and graphy which means description or writing. Therefore, geography is "the study of the earth's landscapes". Which include both natural and cultural landscape.

As geography covers a wide field of studies so there are a number of ways to define the subject. The more acceptable definitions are include as under:

- i. Geography is the study of interrelationship between the man and his environment.
- ii. Geogrpahy is the study of knowledge that examines the relationship between the earth and its people.
- iii. In 1891, Dr Scott Keltic agreed with the definition of Geography put forward by Ritzel:
Geography as a whole is regarded as that department of knowledge which studies the varied features of the earth's surface as the environment of mankind.
- iv. In 1908, a committee of the international Geographical Congress issued a long definition of the subject, the essence of which is:

Geography as a branch of knowledge has for its object, the description of the surface of the earth as evidence of man's relationship with earth's surface, the home of man.

Q2. For which spheres of life, Economic and commercial geography is important ?

Ans 1: The prime objective of the subject is to make a proper understanding of functions and operations of recourses in the aspect of economic development of a country. Therefore the subject has vital importance for following fields of life.

- i. For Farmers.
- ii. For Traders.
- iii. For Industrialists.
- iv. For Bankers.
- v. For Economic experts
- vi. For Commerce People
- vii. For Shipping Industry People.

Q3. In which countries highest numbers of working people are engaged in Tertiary activities ?

Ans 1: In developed countries like U.S.A, Canada, Japan, U.K, Germany, France, South Korea and Italy, major part of labour force is engaged in tertiary economic activities.

Q4. When did, the world 'Geography' was adopted ?

Ans 1: The word 'Geography' was adopted in the third country BC by the scholar 'Eratosthenes' and means 'Earths description'.

Q5. Define Economic activity in brief words ?

Ans 1: World's economic activity has passed through various stages of development in the human history. Human economic activity has now in its most developed form and economic Geography has defined it in these words. Those activities are related to the production, consumption and exchange of things, are called economic activities.

Q6. Define economics and commercial Geography ?

Ans 1: Economic Geography is the study of man and its economic activities under varying sets of conditions. In this branch of geography, we study man's economic activities like agriculture, herding, mining, fishing, resources of the world and a economic activity of the man in the world.

In the words of Hartshorne and Alexander: Economics Geography is the study of the spatial variation on the earth's surface of activities related to producing, exchanging and consuming goods and services.

Q7. In Primary economic activity, from which resources, we get benefits and which fields are included in this activity ?

Ans 1: Primary economic activities are those that harvest or extract something from the earth. They are at the beginning of the production cycle, where humans are in closest contact with resources and potentialities of the environment. Such activities involve basic food stuff and raw material production. Hunting, gathering, grazing, agriculture, fishing, forestry, mining, quarrying are examples.

Primary producers might be labeled red-collar workers due to the outdoor nature of their work.

Q8. Define Geography ?

Ans 1: The word Geography, comes from two Greek words "Geo" which means Earth" and Graphy' which means 'description' or 'writing'. Geography is therefore the study of the Earth's landscapes, which include both the natural and the cultural landscapes

Q9. What do you mean by Quaternary economic activities and which people are considered engaged in this economic activities ?

Ans 1: The quaternary sector may realistically be seen as an advanced form of services, or tertiary activity involving specialized knowledge, technical skills, communication ability or administrative competence.

These activities are performed in office buildings, elementary and university classrooms.

Q10. Name the various economic activities of Man ?

Ans 1: The search for understanding livelihood patterns is made more difficult by complex environmental and cultural realities controlling the economic activity of human. With the passage of time economic activity has expanded very much, so experts have divided economic activity into different groups and these are of following.

- (i). Primary economic Activities.
- (ii). Secondary economic Activities.
- (iii). Tertiary economic Activities.
- (iv). Quaternary economic Activities.
- (v). Quinary economic Activities.