

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

Q1. In the study of economic and commercial geography, a geographer searches which basic questions and their answers ?

Ans 1: In the study of economic and commercial geography, we study about the economic activity of man on the earth surface in different environments and the regional difference. In this field of geography, we search for answers of these fundamental questions:

- Where does economic activity fall?
- What physical and non-physical factors affect the economic activity?
- What are the important characteristics of economic activity?

In economics we discuss about economic factors but in geography we study about basic resources on the earth with their spatial analysis.

Q2. Which people are considered engaged in tertiary economic Activity ?

Ans 1: Tertiary activities consist of those business and labour specializations that provide support to primary and secondary sectors, to the general community, and to the individual, wholesaling or retailing of goods are Tertiary economic activities.

Q3. Define Geography in its different stages of development ?

Ans 1: The subject Geography is very important due to 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 a 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 included as under:

- Geography is the study of interrelationship between the man and his environment.
- Geography is the study of knowledge that examines the relationship between the earth and its people.
- 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.
- 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.

Q4. Define economics and commercial Geography ?

Ans 1: Economic Geography is the study of man and his 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 an 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.

Q5. Write down some definitions of economic and commercial geography ?

Ans 1: Economic geography is the study of man and its economic activities under varying sets of conditions. Geographers are of different opinions as regarding the definition of the subject. These are some definitions of the subject.

According to Dudley Stamp, economic Geography "involves considerations of geographical and other factors which influence man's productivity, but only in limited depths, so far as they are connected with production and trade."

Prof. E.W Zimmerman pointed out that, economic geography deals with the economic life of man with relation to environment.

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R.S Thomsan in his book, "The Geography of Economic Activity, has remarked, "Economic Geography may be defined as an enquiry into production, exchange and consumption of goods by people in different areas of the world. Particular emphasis is placed on the location of economic activity upon asking just why economic functions are situated where they are in the world.

Q6. 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.

Q7. Write down chief characteristics quinary economic activity ?

Ans 1: In this activity, special and highly paid skilled people are called "the gold collar" professionals-separately recognized subdivision of the tertiary sector. Research scientists, financial and legal consultants, government officials are included in quinary economic activity.

Q8. How much percentage of labour force is engaged in primary economic activity ?

Ans 1: At present about 50 percent labour force is engaged in primary economic activity.

Q9. Write down "two main branches" of Geography ?

Ans 1: The subject of Geography is divided into two main branches:

- a. Physical Geography.
- b. Human Geography.

(a). Physical geography covers study of evolution of land forms, structure study of rocks, distribution of land forms, distribution of animals and plants on the earth surface, it also includes the study of atmosphere, oceans and astronomy.

(b). Human geography involves all phases of human's social life in relation to physical earth. We study how man interacts with his environment through activities like hunting, fishing, agriculture, lumbering, mining, manufacturing industries, transport, trade and services. It is also concerned with the distribution of population, nations, settlement and civilization.

Q10. What 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 class rooms.
