

## Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 12 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. How many percent area of our land is under Agriculture activity ?

**Ans 1:** Only 1 percent area of our land is under cultivation. But there is great continental variation of this percentage.

Q2. In which parts of the world, shifting cultivation is in practice ?

**Ans 1:** Shifting cultivation is found in most parts of the world's tropical regions, which have relatively high temperature and abundant rainfall. The Amazon basin of South America, Central and west Africa and South East Asia, including Indochina, Indonesia and New Guinea.

Q3. Define in brief words, what is Agriculture ?

**Ans 1:** Today in this science era, Agriculture can be defined as, "Agriculture is art, science and industry of managing the growth of plants and animals for human use."

Q4. Write down dairy farming centers of the world ?

**Ans 1:** Dairy farming is the most important type of commercial Agriculture practiced on farms outside the large urban areas of the northeast U.S.A, South-East Canada and northwest Europe. It accounts for approximately 20 percent of the total value of Agriculture output through western Europe and North America. The Russian Federation, Australia, and New Zealand have developed dairy farming at large scale.

Q5. Pastoral Nomadism is being practiced in which parts of the world ?

**Ans 1:** Pastoral nomadism is a form of subsistence Agriculture based on the herding of domesticated animals. Large belt of arid and semiarid lands that includes North Africa, Middle East and parts of Central Asia. The Bedouins of Saudi Arabia and North Africa and the Masai of East Africa are best examples of nomadic groups. Only 15 million people are pastoral nomads, but they occupy about 20 percent of Earth's land area.

Q6. Which type of economic activity is Agriculture ?

**Ans 1:** Agriculture is primary economic activity of man.

Q7. Define commercial Agriculture and write down areas of commercial farming ?

**Ans 1:** Commercial Agriculture can be defined as Agriculture undertaken primarily to generate products for sale off the farm. Farmers in developed countries, include the United States, Canada, Europe, Russian Federation, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand practice commercial Agriculture. Wheat, Soybean, and Canola is included in commercial Agriculture.

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Q8. Which plants are included in plantation farming and in which countries it is being practice ?

**Ans 1:** The plantation is a form of commercial Agriculture found in tropics and subtropics, especially in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Natural rubber, tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar cane, coconuts and bananas, palm oil and tobacco are planted for commercial purpose.

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Q9. Write down main centers of silk farming in the world ?

**Ans 1:** Silk farm / Sericulture is one of the oldest farming in China-as long as 27th Century B.C. Besides China, Japan, South Korea, India Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Brazil are prominent in sericulture / Silk farming in the world.

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Q10. Write down physical factors suitable for Agriculture development ?

**Ans 1:** Physical factors are key indicators for Agriculture development. Their suitability is first step for Agriculture practice. Physical feature, location, soil fertility, suitable climate (temperature and rainfall) are factors which directly control the Agriculture activity.

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