

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

Q1. 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."

Q2. Agriculture started from, which region of the world ?

**Ans 1:** Man has lived on the earth for about two million years-since the Pleistocene times. But cannot document the origins of Agriculture with certainty, because it began before the recorded history. Scholars try to reconstruct a logical sequence of events based on fragments of information about ancient Agriculture practices and environmental conditions, the cultivation of plants may have originated by accident. It is roughly assumed that such crude farming appeared about 10 to 9 thousand years ago.

Agriculture probably did not originate in one location, instead, it had multiple independent origins, or points of origin. According to river valleys theory, valley of Tigris and Euphrates in the Middle East is perhaps origin of agriculture and center of civilization. While according to Carl-Sauers theory, Agriculture started from South Asia's coastal region. On the other hand according to Midden Heap theory, Agriculture started from warm humid regions of the world.

Q3. 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.

Q4. In which countries of the world, Agriculture has still prominent position in their economy ?

**Ans 1:** In backward and developing countries agriculture is still major economic activity of man and agriculture has prominent share in their economy. Major part of labour force is still engaged in agriculture activity. In backward and developing countries lack of education is a major problem. Therefore major percentage of population is engaged in primary economic activity. Low per capita is a main problem of these countries.

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 semi-arid 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. Write down main centers of silk farming in the world ?

**Ans 1:** Silk farming / 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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Q7. Which type of economic activity is Agriculture ?

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

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Q8. Write down different types of Agriculture of the world ?

**Ans 1:** Agriculture is being done at 11 percent area of the land. All this available land is not suitable for same crops due to variation in climate, physical features, soil type / fertility. Besides this there is a lot of difference in culture, economic resources, technical skill and needs of the local people. Due to all above physical and socio-economic factors and Agriculture is divided into different types;

- i. Shifting cultivation
  - ii. Pastoral Nomadism
  - iii. Intensive subsistence Agriculture
  - iv. Commercial agriculture
  - v. Mixed cropping & live stock farming
  - vi. Dairy farming
  - viii. Grain farming
  - ix. Ranching
  - x. Commercial gardening & fruit farming
  - xi. Plantation farming
  - xii. Silk farming/sericulture
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Q9. Write down dairy farming centers of the world ?

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

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Q10. Today, how many percentage of world labour force is engaged in agriculture sectors ?

**Ans 1:** Today, world's 48 percent labour force is engaged in Agriculture sector. In the developed countries like U.S.A, Japan and United Kingdom only 2 to 10 persons labour force is engaged in Agriculture activity. While in backward countries this percentage is 50 to 80 percent. In the continent of Asia 61 percent labour force is engaged in Agriculture activity.

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