

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

Q1. Write down some important Agriculture crops, which possesses prominent position in international trade ?

Ans 1: Natural rubber, tea, coffee, sugar cane, cotton, wool, palm oil, wheat and soya bean are a few crops which have prominent position in international trade. Some crops have very major role in some countries economy. For example wool is a prominent export of Australia and New Zealand, while oil palm export is major export Malaysia.

Q2. 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.

Q3. Describe socio-economic factors which affect the Agriculture development in the world ?

Ans 1: Like physical factors socio-economic factors also play vital role in the development of Agriculture. These are following; capital, agriculture skill, latest agriculture machinery, means of transportation, irrigation management, use of fertilizers and high yield seeds. Use of pesticides and Weedicides, government patronage, political & economic system, suitable price of crops.

Q4. 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.

Q5. 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.

Q6. 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.

Q7. 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.

Q8. Pastoral Nomadism is being practice 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 earth's land area.

Q9. 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."

Q10. 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 hears, 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.
