

## Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 13 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Which people introduced what cultivation in the Western Hemisphere ?

**Ans 1:** The cultivation of wheat in the Americas-Western Hemisphere was introduced by the Spaniards in Mexico and by States in Virginia.

Q2. Describe latitudinal limits for wheat cultivation in the world ?

**Ans 1:** In the Northern Hemisphere wheat is cultivated between 25 degrees - 55 degrees latitude while in the Southern Hemisphere wheat crop extends from 30 degrees - 40 degrees latitudes. World's 90 percent wheat production comes from northern hemisphere while only 10 percent wheat is produced in the Southern Hemisphere.

Q3. Write down countries which cultivate spring wheat in the world ?

**Ans 1:** Spring wheat, which is planted in the spring and harvested in the late autumn prevails in areas where winters are extremely severe and where snow cover is inadequate. Only Canada, United States, China, and Russian Federation grow both winter and spring wheat.

Q4. From, which region cultivation of wheat crop started in the world ?

**Ans 1:** Wheat was probably one of the first plants to be cultivated by humans. Remains of wheat have been found by archaeological working on sites in the Middle East (Iraq) from the 7th millennium B.C (6750 B.C). The home of major wheat species is northwest Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Anatolian plateau and Abyssinia. The common bread wheat probably originated in northwestern part of Pakistan and southern Afghanistan. Bread wheat was identified at 6th millennium B.C site in Southern Turkistan.

Q5. Which region of the world, is called the "Grain Basket of the World" ?

**Ans 1:** This region covers prairies in U.S.A and Canada. The region of Canada encompasses the states of Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, while parts of Montana, North and South Dakota and western Minnesota of U.S.A occupy a larger area and is called "Grain Basket of the World".

Q6. Describe socio-economic factors required for profitable yield of wheat crop ?

**Ans 1:** For best vegetative growth of wheat crop following socio-economic factors must be present:

- i. Selection and preparation of soil
  - ii. Seed rate and planting time
  - iii. Planting method
  - iv. Selection of high yielding seed varieties
  - v. Use of balanced and timely chemical fertilizers
  - vi. Pest and disease control and Weed control
  - vii. Timely harvesting
- are factors which affect the yield and production of wheat in the world.

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Q7. Write down important wheat exporting countries of the world ?

**Ans 1:** Wheat is an important food crop, therefore it is exported at large scale in the international market. U.S.A, Canada, France, Australia, Argentina are major wheat exporting countries in the world.

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Q8. Write down prominent regions, which produce commercial wheat crop in the world ?

**Ans 1:** Northern China, Central Russian Federation including Siberia, North-Western India, the Mediterranean basin, the Danubian plain and southern Russia, South eastern Australia, the Pampa of Argentina, the Colombian Plateau, spring wheat belt of the northern Great Plains of U.S.A and Canada, Central and Southern region of U.S.A are best known areas of wheat cultivation at commercial level in the world.

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Q9. Write down total annual production of wheat in the world ?

**Ans 1:** Annual wheat physical in world averages from 734.8 million metric tonns.

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Q10. In the continents of North and South America name outstanding countries in wheat production ?

**Ans 1:** In the continent of North America United States of America ranks first in wheat production while it ranks 4th in the world. In the continent of South America, Argentina produces more wheat than any country of the continent.

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