

Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 14 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Write down varieties of rice on the basis of physical characteristics of a region ?

Ans 1: Rice plant is native of South -- East Asia. There are more than 20 varieties of rice, but mainly two varieties are cultivated in the world.

- i. Asian variety is most commonly cultivated in the world.
- ii. African variety is cultivated only in African countries over limited area.

Q2. What do you know about important rice cultivating countries of the world ?

Ans 1: Today, rice crop is being cultivated in 115 countries of the world. But 28 countries cultivate rice crop is being at large scale. China, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar, Philippines, Brazil, Japan, United States and Pakistan are prominent countries in the world.

Q3. What type of specific soil is required for cultivation of Rice Crop ?

Ans 1: Rice grows best in soil retentive of moisture, therefore soil must be physically structured to hold a flood of water and terrain must be smooth but so that water can be added or drained as needed. For rice crop deep clayey loam are best suited. The river plains with fertile silt at the top and an impervious clay bed below are recognized as the best rice fields.

Q4. At what latitudinal extent rice cultivation is possible in the world ?

Ans 1: Although rice is a tropical plant but its cultivation is being done from 55°N latitude to 35°S latitude. Rice is now raised throughout the temperate zone, where yields generally are higher than in the tropics.

Q5. In, how many countries of the world, rice crop is cultivated ?

Ans 1: Rice is grown on all continents of the globe -- except Antarctica, from latitude 50°N to 35°S. Today rice crop is being cultivated in 115 countries of the world, while more than 91 percent rice crop production comes from Asia.

Q6. Rice is cultivated in which season and how much time is required for rice crop ?

Ans 1: From one kilogram paddy rice about 625 gram white rice is obtained.

Q7. Rice cultivation originated from which region of the world ?

Ans 1: Rice cultivation was originated in South-East and South Asia as early as 4000 BC -- In Thailand. In India and China rice was cultivated in 3000 BC. Later rice culture moved westward to the Middle East. Africa and Europe.

Q8. Rice belong from which botanical family ?

Ans 1: Rice is an annual grass in the grass family, Poaceae (formerly Gramineae), Asian rice is classified as *Oryza sativa* while African rice is named as *Oryza glaberrima*. Basically rice is plant of tropical warm humid climate.

Q9. Where does India stands in rice cultivation in the world and which states dominate in rice production ?

Ans 1: India ranks at the top in rice cultivated area in the world but in rice production it ranks second after China. India produces about 21 percent rice produced in the world. West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Assam are major rice producing regions in India.

Q10. In the world, which country is at the top in rice production ?

Ans 1: China ranks at the top in rice production in the world and produces more than 28 percent rice produced in the world.
