

Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 16 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Write down climatic conditions required for successful vegetative growth of cotton plant ?

Ans 1: Like all other plants, cotton needs specific environmental conditions and suitable soil texture for better growth. Cotton plants requires 15 degrees to 25 degrees temperature and 180 to 200 sunny days for its best vegetative growth. Dry and warm air is also favorable for cotton plant. During growth period 20 - 50 centimeter (8-20 inches) rainfall is required. In case there is low rainfall, irrigation is needed.

Q2. Write down major cotton exporting countries in the world ?

Ans 1: In the world cotton market, Australia, U.S.A, Egypt, Sudan, Uzbekistan, Turkey, Brazil, Greece, Syria, Turkmenistan, Mali, Argentina and Mexico are leading exporters of cotton in the world.

Although China, India and Pakistan are big producers of cotton lent, but they mostly export cotton cloth and fabrics in the international market.

Q3. Write down important cotton growing regions of the world ?

Ans 1: Cotton is plant of arid and semi arid climate. The major cotton regions lie between 35 degrees N and 25 degrees S latitude. But today it is grown as far as 40 degrees N (Russia) and for south 25 degrees S latitude in Argentina. Today cotton cultivation is widespread and 91 countries grow cotton crop.

Q4. Write down different types of cotton ?

Ans 1: Cotton is plant of arid and semi arid regions of sub-tropical latitudes. Cotton has following varieties according to environmental basis.

- i. Asian cotton varieties.
- ii. Egyptian cotton varieties.
- iii. American coastal plain varieties.
- iv. American central plain varieties.

Q5. Write down status of India in cotton cultivation in the world and name out important cotton growing regions in India ?

Ans 1: India is second largest country in cotton production. India produces about 26.2 percent cotton production of the world. In India, southern and western states are important for cotton crop. Gujrat province dominate in cotton growing and produces 25 percent cotton of India. Punjab ranks while Maharashtra is third in cotton production. Other important growing states are Rajasthan, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh etc.

Q6. Which region first of all cultivated the cotton crop and when its cultivation began in the world ?

Ans 1: It is generally believed that one of the regions to produce cotton was India where cotton was grown as far back as 3000

B.C. There is also some evidence to indicate that cotton fabrics were produced in ancient Mexico as early as 5700 B.C and in Peru by 2500 B.C and by 1500 A.D cotton was generally known throughout the world.

Q7. In the world, how many countries cultivate cotton crop ?

Ans 1: Today, almost all major continents cultivate cotton and 91 countries in the world produce cotton at large scale.

Q8. Write down cotton production and area under cultivation in the world ?

Ans 1: In the world cotton production is more than 70.03 million metric tons while areas under cotton crop is 34.16 million hectares. The continent of Asia dominates more than 18.92 million tons.

Q9. Give a brief of cotton cultivation in United States of America ?

Ans 1: U.S.A ranks third in cotton production in the world, but until 1980 it was at the top in cotton production, it accounts for 9.5 percent cotton output of the globe. In the initial years, north eastern region was more important, but now south-west of the Mississippi river enjoys the overwhelming superiority in cotton cultivation. The U.S.A cotton belt stretches' from northern Florida to north Carolina and westward of California.

Q10. Write down country, which produces best cotton crop in the world ?

Ans 1: The Nile valley of Egypt is best cotton field in the world and enjoys one of the highest yields per hectare and finest quality of cotton in the world.

Egypt and Sudan's long staple cotton is synonymous in trade parlance. Today cotton is chief export and it occupies a dominant role in the economy. Cotton is Egypt's major commercial link with the outside world.
