

Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 22 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Which country of the world possesses largest reserves of gold in the world ?

Ans 1: Australia possesses 9,100 metric tons percent gold reserves of the world and ranks at the top among all countries of the world U.S.A possesses 3000 metric tons gold reserves of the world.

Q2. In United States of America, Which region is important in gold production ?

Ans 1: In U.S.A, two regions are prominent for gold production, the eastern region along the Appalachian Mountains and the Western region along the Rocky Mountains. Out of 30 gold mines of U.S.A half gold mines are in Nevada state, therefore Nevada states produces 80 percent gold of U.S.A.

Q3. Gold is a valuable metal, write down its uses in the world ?

Ans 1: Gold is highly valuable metal. Major portion of gold is also used in the form of gold leaf in the arts of gliding and lettering. Gold is used in photography, in electroplating, in dentistry. Radioisotopes of gold are used in biological research and in treatment of cancer. It is also used in electronics and other industries. Besides, it is used in computers, telecommunication products, Rockets, Aero planes and surgery of eye.

Q4. Write down ranking of Australia in gold mining in the world and which region is important for gold mining ?

Ans 1: Australia ranks second in gold production after China. Its gold production in 2015 was 300 thousand kilogram. In this way it produced 11 percent gold production of the world. In western Australia, Kalgoorlie, Kimberley and Coolgardie mines are major gold producers. Besides Tasmania, Southern Australia and Victoria are important regions in gold mining.

Q5. Write down important gold exporting countries of the world ?

Ans 1: South Africa is leading country in gold export. Besides Australia, Canada, Peru, Indonesia, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Philippines are important gold exporting countries in the world, besides China and India are also most important countries in gold mining.

Q6. Write down melting point, boiling point and specific gravity of gold ?

Ans 1: Gold's melting point is 1064°C and boiling point is 2808°C, while its specific gravity is 19.3

Q7. Which region of South Africa possesses gold reserves ?

Ans 1: South Africa is world leader in gold reserves and mining. Its most important gold mines are in the Witwatersrand region. This region is the leading gold producing center of the world. The mines are in an area of 80 km long and, 40 km wide, surrounding

the city of Johannesburg.

Q8. In the world until 2003, how much gold had been excavated or mined ?

Ans 1: Until 2003, about 145 million Kg gold have been mined in the world. Out of total gold mined 123 million kg is in circulation, while 32 million kg gold has stocked in central banks in the government custody. In the whole world, today 91 million kg gold is at homes in the shape of coins, jewelry and other forms.

Q9. Write down largest gold importing country of the world ?

Ans 1: Japan ranks at the top among gold importing countries of the world.

Q10. Write down reserves of gold, present in the world ?

Ans 1: According to U.S Geological Survey Department reserves of gold in the world are 56 million kg. But according to some other experts, the reserves of gold are more than 100 million kg. About 15 to 20 percent (15-20 million kg) gold reserves are in combine state with copper, silver and zinc.