

## Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 41 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Write down, area under cotton crop and production of cotton in Pakistan ?

**Ans 1:** In Pakistan, area under cotton crop is about 2961.4 thousand hectares while its production is about 13959 thousand bales. During 2004-05 record cotton production of 14.265 million bales was achieved in Pakistan.

Q2. Write down the important cotton producing regions of Pakistan.

**Ans 1:** Cotton is crop of upper and lower Indus plain's irrigated areas, concentrated in a few suitable areas, where soil conditions are favorable and climatic condition are dry and sunny.

Q3. What types of soil is required for cultivation of cotton crop ?

**Ans 1:** Among the most important factors for raising cotton is fertility of the soil. Cotton plant thrives in deep friable soils, rich in humus and lime. In Pakistan, upper and lower Indus plain's alluvial soils are best for cotton cultivation. Alluvial and decomposed lava soils, rich in potash and phosphate are most suitable for cotton crop.

Q4. Write down the climatic condition required for cultivation of cotton crop.

**Ans 1:** Climate is major factor for successful cultivation of cotton because it requires a long season with plenty of sunshine and water during vegetative growth and dry weather for harvest. Areas between 35°N to 25°S latitude are suitable for cotton cultivation. Arid and semi arid areas are most suitable for cotton cultivation.

Q5. In Pakistan, how many percent of edible oil is obtained from cotton seeds ?

**Ans 1:** In Pakistan 80 percent edible oil is obtained from cotton seeds.

Q6. Write down sowing season of cotton crop, and counts percentage area of cotton crop, out of total cropped area of Pakistan.

**Ans 1:** Cotton is most important cash crop in Pakistan. In the GDP role of cotton is very prominent. It accounts for 11.7 percent of the value added in agriculture and about 2.9 percent of the GDP. In addition, to providing raw material to the local textile 2.9 percent of the GDP.

Q7. The Province of Punjab, accounts for how many percent of total cotton production of Pakistan ?

**Ans 1:** The province of Punjab out ranks all provinces in the production of cotton. Out of total cotton production, 73.6 percent is obtained from the Punjab province.

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Q8. In the Pakistan's agricultural economy, write down importance of cotton.

**Ans 1:** Cotton is most important cash crop in Pakistan. In the GDP, role of cotton is very prominent. It accounts for 11.7 percent of the value added in agriculture and about 2.9 percent of the GDP. In addition, to providing raw material to the local textile industry, cottonseed accounts for 80 percent of the national oilseed production.

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Q9. From which region, cotton cultivation originated in the world ?

**Ans 1:** According to agriculture experts, cotton is being cultivated in the Indian sub continent since 5 thousand (3000 B.C) years. Perhaps, its cultivation was being done very long time before this.

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Q10. Write down cotton sowing season in Pakistan ?

**Ans 1:** In Pakistan, best season for cotton sowing is 15 March to 30 June, which is beginning of summer season. It is very necessary that crop must be sown within its optimum planting time, because it will enable the crop to have a longer growing period for vegetative growth required for higher yields.

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