

## Commercial Geography (English Medium) - ICOM Part 2 Commercial Geography Chapter 42 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. Write down climatic conditions required for cultivation of tobacco.

**Ans 1:** Tobacco is plant of tropical wet climate, but can be cultivated under highly varied climate from sub tropical to temperature lands. Frost is unbearable for tobacco plant, therefore frost free warm days and cool nights are most suitable for tobacco growth.

Q2. Out of total tobacco cultivated area, at how many percent area, virginia tobacco is cultivated ?

**Ans 1:** In Pakistan, out of total area under tobacco crop, 20 percent is under virginia tobacco, while at 80 percent area hookah tobacco is cultivated.

Q3. Write down per hectare production of tobacco in Pakistan ?

**Ans 1:** Like all other crops, per hectare yield of tobacco is low in Pakistan as compared to other countries of the world. Per hectare yield of tobacco in Pakistan is 1912 Kg, while in KPK yield of tobacco is 2586 Kg per hectare.

Q4. Write down a important tobacco producing districts of Pakistan.

**Ans 1:** In Pakistan N.W.F.P and Punjab provinces are major tobacco producing areas. In Punjab, districts of Rajanpur, Vehari, Sahiwal, Toba Tek Singh. Faisalabad Sheikhupura and Okara are major tobacco producing area.

Q5. Which part of tobacco plant is used for cigarette manufacturing ?

**Ans 1:** Leaves of tobacco plant are used for manufacturing cigarettes.

Q6. What type of soil is required for cultivation of tobacco crop ?

**Ans 1:** Tobacco crop generally prefer well drained loam soils, the actual soil requirement differs from variety to variety. Cigarette tobacco prefers light sandy soils, low in organic matter and acidic in reaction, while hookah tobacco is grown on alluvial soils. A land rich in potash, lime, magnesium and humus is required for best growth.

Q7. At the time of Independence how much production and area was under tobacco crop, and when record production of tobacco was achieved in Pakistan ?

**Ans 1:** At the time of Independence area under tobacco crop was 42 thousand hectares and production was 59000 metric tonnes. In 2013-14, record production of tobacco was achieved in Pakistan and it was 129.9 thousand tonnes.

Q8. Write down natural habitate of Tobacco and when cultivation of tobacco was introduced in the sub continent.

**Ans 1:** tobacco is native to the western hemisphere and was cultivated before the European conquest of New World. The Arawak people of the Caribbean observed by Christopher Columbus in 1492, smoked tobacco through a tube they called a Tobago. from which the name originated in 1556.

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Q9. How much period is required for vegetative growth of tobacco plant ?

**Ans 1:** About 3 to 4 months are required for vegetative growth of tobacco plant. While about two months are required for its nursery and then plants are transplanted.

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Q10. When cultivation of virginia tobacco was introduced in Pakistan.

**Ans 1:** Although hookah tobacco was being cultivated in Indus plain as it was introduced in the sub continent, but virginia tobacco cultivation on commercial level was first initiated in the lower Indus Basin in the 1950s and later extended to the plain of the Punjab.

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