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OPEN TEXT BOOK ASSESSMENT, SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS WITH ANSWER

CLASS XI

SUBJECT:-ECONOMICS

Theme 1-“SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION”

Q1.Why there was need of second green revolution? 1

Ans. Agricultural growth rate in 9th and 10th five year plans have not been up to expectations and the performance of the sector has been far from satisfactory compared to the neighboring countries.

Q2. What do you mean by the statement ‘agrarian economy ’? 1

Ans. It means agriculture and its allied activities that have dominated not only in the contribution to India’s GDP but have also been the higher employer of the labor force.

Q3.Who catapulted the Green Revolution from the political angle and who handled the technological aspect of it? 1

Ans. Late G Subramanian and Dr.M.S.Swaminathan.

Q4.What is Green Revolution? 1

Ans. The effort to increase the production of agriculture sector by modern methods of production and bringing together the enterprising farmers is known as Green Revolution.

Q5.What prompted Young Kurien to start the Anand Cooperatives in Gujarat in the 1950s? 1

Ans. He heard a British expert say that say that “the sewer water of London is superior to the milk of Bombay, this served as a challenge to young Kurien who started the Anand Cooperative in Gujarat in the 1950s.

Q6.What is prima facie? 1

Ans. Prima Facie is Latin for ‘First Look’.

Q7. Define food security as per Vision 2020. 1

Ans. Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, if all Indians have to have good nutrition and plenty of food, then India needs 360 million tons of food grains by 2020.

Q8. Name two agriculture sectors where India has a huge potential to expand into. 1

Ans. a. Food Processing

b. Waste Management

Q9.India’s Agriculture is about 16% of its GDP, whereas USA’s is 2-3%. USA exports twice as much as India. Why are USA’s exports higher? 3

Ans. Indian population twice that of USA, Indian agricultural produce is used for self-consumption, whereas USA has a comparatively small population leading to agricultural excess.

Q10.If India is an Agrarian economy, what is USA? 3

Ans. An agrarian economy is one that relies primarily on the farming industry, including livestock or crops.

Indian agriculture employs about 50% of the total workforce and the produce is necessary to feed the 1.21(121 Crores) Population of India.

USA is an Industrial economy as majority of its population is dependent on Tertiary Sector (Services) for a living and the same comprises about 35% of the GDP.

Q11.Is technological up gradation and change of agricultural practices enough to sustain a Green Revolution? **3**

Ans. A social revolution is required to sustain and support a green revolution like better credit facilities, modern outlook, a new perspective, land reforms and many other changes. These help to implement effectively and sustain a green revolution.

Q12.‘Green Revolution helped India achieve self-sufficiency but the growth in Agricultural Sector has slumped in the past decade’. Why? **3**

Ans. The Indian agriculture is primarily dependent on the North-East and South- West Retreating Monsoon as its primary source of irrigation.

The system being too dependent on natural factors cannot function without good rain shower or contrary, too much heat or rain can damage the crop yield for the year.

The shifting economic policy and retreating support by govt. is another reason.

Q13.Exports are only a fraction of the produce. What could be the reason and suggest ways to correct. **3**

Ans. Exports are only a fraction of the produce because the ‘Shelf-Life’ of Indian Agricultural products are very less. This is caused by not adapting to standardized procedures and improper management of resources.

This can be corrected by adapting modern and standardized procedures of growing like being organic, adequate irrigation, post-processing of the produce to help increase shelf life.

Q14.The agricultural sector has seen a very few private players. Suggest ways for increased Private Participation in the agriculture sector. **3**

Ans. Private Sector invests purely for-profit. Agricultural Sector has a little or huge losses. A huge revolution in the system and heavy investment in capital goods is required to enter the agricultural sector.

Private Sector can diversify from crop production, food processing, recycling, poultry and dairy produce, gardening etc.

Top Private Parties like Tata and Reliance have already entered the Primary Sector; it will take much time before small businessman can participate.

Q15.What are the important issues that India needs to consider during the 2nd Green Revolution? **6**

Ans. The important issues that India needs to consider during the second green revolution are:-

- a. Better use of resources
- b. Changing mindsets
- c. Diversifying products
- d. Soil matching
- e. Water technologies
- f. Crop rotation and better seeds
- g. Fertilizers and pesticides
- h. Animal husbandry
- i. Cash crops

Each point to be explained in one sentence each. (One and Half Mark to be awarded for each point).

Theme – II

1. Define Health as per WHO. 1

Ans. As per WHO, Health is defined as ‘a state of complete physical, mental and social-welfare and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity’.

2. How will the forex rate affect Medical Tourism in India? 3

Ans. When the value of **INR depreciates** against USD, Medical Tourists will **increase** as it is a lot cheaper for them.

When the value of **INR appreciates** against USD, Medical Tourism may **take a hit** as the medical services have become costlier.

3. Is cheaper costs the only reason for Medical Tourists to visit India? 6

Ans. Cheaper medical facilities is the primary reason but there are many other reasons too.

Limited Insurance Coverage, Insurance is costly and doesn’t cover lifestyle diseases like obesity, dental problems, eyesight problems etc. These can be treated or cured in India by lifestyle or Cosmetic Surgery.

Shortage of Medical Facilities- Developing countries with huge population like India have better experienced doctors and more availability of Medical Facilities as compared to Developed Nations. This results in correct and timely diagnosis leading to treatment of many diseases and lives being saved.

Aesthetic Sense – India has many other native medical systems like Ayurveda, Siddha, Naturopathy, Yoga, Tai Chi, Aromatherapy, Pranic and Chakra Healing whose aesthetic sense and change in lifestyle appeal to foreigners who are facing stress in their urban lifestyle.

4. How is Indian economy affected by increased Medical Tourism? 6

Ans.Increased Forex Reserves – Medical Tourism means more income of Foreign Currency into the country. This helps appreciate the value of INR and balance of payments.

Employment Opportunities – India has a huge workforce of medical professionals like doctors, nurses, technicians who are facing involuntary unemployment due to lack of demand. Increased Medical Tourism will create employment for the unemployed.

Optimum Utilization of Resources – India has world class, state of the art medical services which are not used to their fullest extent. Medical Tourism can help achieve that.