

Resources and Development (Important MCQs)

Objective Questions:

Questions asked in Pre-boards and previous years boards

Q.1 What is the primary purpose of resource planning in a country like India?

- A) To accumulate resources in the hands of a few individuals
- B) To create inequality in resource distribution
- C) To ensure judicious and sustainable use of resources
- D) To encourage indiscriminate exploitation of resources

Answer: C) To ensure judicious and sustainable use of resources

Q.2 Which of the following regions in India is known for its rich mineral and coal deposits?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Ladakh

Answer: C) Jharkhand

Q.3 What is the significance of [Agenda 21](#) in the context of sustainable development?

- A) It promotes the overuse of resources for economic growth
- B) It aims to combat environmental damage and poverty through global cooperation
- C) It encourages resource depletion for short-term benefits
- D) It advocates the exploitation of resources without considering future generations

Answer: B) It aims to combat environmental damage and poverty through global cooperation

Q.4 What does sustainable economic development mean according to the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992?

- A) Development should prioritize the needs of future generations.

- B) Development should prioritize economic growth over environmental concerns.
- C) Development should focus on accumulating resources.
- D) Development should disregard the environment for short-term gains.

Answer: A) Development should prioritize the needs of future generations.

Q.5 Why is resource planning essential for the sustainable existence of all forms of life?

- A) To encourage the depletion of resources
- B) To ensure the accumulation of resources in a few hands
- C) To prevent resource exploitation and protect the environment
- D) To promote inequality in resource distribution

Answer: C) To prevent resource exploitation and protect the environment

Q.6 What is the primary reason for the economic backwardness of resource-rich regions in India?

- A) Lack of resources
- B) Poor governance
- C) Lack of historical experiences
- D) Overutilization of resources

Answer: B) Poor governance

Q.7 Which state in India is known for its abundant water resources but still faces economic challenges?

- A) Punjab
- B) Kerala
- C) Haryana
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: D) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.8 What factor played a significant role in allowing colonizing countries to exploit resources in other regions during colonization?

- A) Human capital
- B) Historical experiences
- C) Advanced technology
- D) Limited resources

Answer: C) Advanced technology

Q.9 Who emphasized the importance of resource conservation and criticized the exploitative nature of modern technology?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Subhas Chandra Bose
- C) Mahatma Gandhi
- D) Sardar Patel

Answer: C) Mahatma Gandhi

Q.10 Which concept gained prominence in discussions about responsible resource usage and environmental protection?

- A) Mass production
- B) Sustainable Development
- C) Resource exploitation
- D) Industrialization

Answer: B) Sustainable Development

Q.11 Where was the Earth Summit held in 1992?

- A) It was held in Mumbai in India.
- B) It was held in New York in USA.
- C) It was held in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.
- D) It was held in Kyoto in Canada.

Answer: C) It was held in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

Q.12 How are resources classified based on their origin?

- A) Renewable and non-renewable
- B) Biotic and abiotic
- C) Individual, community, national, and international
- D) Potential, developed stock, and reserves

Answer: B) Biotic and abiotic

Q.13 What is the primary goal of sustainable economic development?

- A) Indiscriminate exploitation of resources
- B) Accumulation of resources in a few hands
- C) Development without damaging the environment
- D) Depletion of resources for satisfying individual greed

Answer: C) Development without damaging the environment

Q.14 Why is resource planning essential for a country like India?

- A) To deplete resources for economic growth
- B) To encourage accumulation of resources in a few hands
- C) To ensure a judicious use of diverse resources
- D) To promote indiscriminate exploitation of resources

Answer: C) To ensure a judicious use of diverse resources

Q.15 What are the three main aspects involved in the complex process of resource planning in India?

- A) Identification, Inventory, and Evolution
- B) Surveying, Mapping, and Planning
- C) Technology, Skill, and Institutions
- D) Availability, Technology, and Development

Answer: A) Identification, Inventory, and Evolution

Q.16 Which country made concerted efforts for resource planning right from the First Five Year Plan launched after Independence?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Brazil
- D) USA

Answer: B) India

Q.17 Who voiced concern about resource conservation with the statement, “There is enough for everybody’s need and not for anybody’s greed”?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Mahatma Gandhi
- C) Club of Rome
- D) Schumacher

Answer: B) Mahatma Gandhi

Q.18 Which international commission introduced the concept of ‘sustainable development’ for resource conservation?

- A) The Brundtland Commission
- B) The Club of Rome
- C) The Earth Summit Commission
- D) Schumacher Commission

Answer: A) The Brundtland Commission

Q.19 What was the significant contribution made at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992?

- A) Introduction of Sustainable Development
- B) Advocacy for Mass Production
- C) Resource Exploitation
- D) Historical Experiences

Answer: A) Introduction of Sustainable Development

Q.20 What percentage of India’s land area is plain?

- A) 30%
- B) 43%
- C) 27%
- D) 20%

Answer: B) 43%

Q.21 What is the percentage of India's land under the plateau region?

- A) 30%
- B) 43%
- C) 27%
- D) 20%

Answer: C) 27%

Q.22 What is the term for the physical extent of land on which crops are sown and harvested?

- A) Net Sown Area
- B) Gross Cropped Area
- C) Current Fallow
- D) Barren and Waste Land

Answer: A) Net Sown Area

Q.23 What are the primary factors determining the use of land?

- A) Climate and vegetation
- B) Population density and technological capability
- C) Topography and soil types
- D) All of the above

Answer: D) All of the above

Q.24 Which soil type is known as black cotton soil and is ideal for growing cotton?

- A) Alluvial soil

- B) Red soil
- C) Black soil
- D) Laterite soil

Answer: C) Black soil

Q.25 What is the primary reason for the reddish color of the soil in certain regions?

- A) Presence of iron in crystalline and metamorphic rocks
- B) High rainfall in tropical areas
- C) Abundance of organic matter
- D) Presence of phosphoric acid

Answer: A) Presence of iron in crystalline and metamorphic rocks

Q.26 What is the meaning of the term “Laterite” in the context of soil?

- A) It refers to sandy soils found in arid regions.
- B) It indicates soil with high humus content.
- C) It comes from the Latin word ‘later,’ meaning brick.
- D) It denotes soils rich in phosphoric acid.

Answer: C) It comes from the Latin word ‘later,’ meaning brick.

Q.27 What is a characteristic feature of arid soils?

- A) Sandy texture and high moisture content
- B) High humus content and fertility
- C) Low salt content and dark color
- D) Sandy texture and saline nature

Answer: D) Sandy texture and saline nature

Q.28 In what regions are forest soils typically found?

- A) Arid and desert areas
- B) Low-lying plains with high moisture

- C) Hilly and mountainous areas with sufficient rainforests
- D) Urban and industrial zones

Answer: C) Hilly and mountainous areas with sufficient rainforests

Q.29 What is the term for the denudation of the soil cover and its subsequent washing down?

- A) Soil enrichment
- B) Soil conservation
- C) Soil erosion
- D) Soil deposition

Answer: C) Soil erosion

Q.30 Which one of the following is the main cause of land degradation in Punjab?

- A) Intensive cultivation
- B) Deforestation
- C) Over irrigation
- D) Overgrazing

Answer: C) Over irrigation

Q.31 In which one of the following states is overgrazing the main reason for land degradation?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Haryana
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: a. Maharashtra

Q.32 The texture of soil varies according to the mountain environment. They are loamy and silty in valley sides and coarse grained in the upper slopes. Identify the soil.

- a. Red and yellow soil
- b. laterite soil
- c. Forest soil

d. Arid soil

Answer: c. Forest soil

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