

# NCERT Geography Class 10th Chapter 4:

# Agriculture

## **Overview of Agriculture in India**

#### 1. Age-Old Economic Activity:

- Agriculture has evolved significantly over time in India.
- Cultivation methods depend on the physical environment, technology, and socio-cultural practices.

#### 2. Types of Farming in India:

• Farming varies from subsistence to commercial.

# **Types Of Farming**

#### I. Primitive Subsistence Farming

#### 1. Definition:

- Practised on small patches of land using primitive tools like hoe, dao, and digging sticks.
- Relies on monsoon, soil fertility, and natural environmental conditions.
  - **1.** Monsoon for water supply.
  - 2. Natural soil fertility for crop growth.
  - **3.** Family or community labour for farming tasks.

#### 2. Characteristics:

- Slash and burn agriculture: Land is cleared, crops are grown, and the land is abandoned when fertility declines.
- The fertility of the soil decreases over time, prompting farmers to shift to new patches.
- Low land productivity is due to the lack of modern inputs like fertilizers.

## 3. Regional Names in India:



- **Jhumming:** North-Eastern States (Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland).
- **Pamlou:** Manipur.
- **Dipa:** Bastar (Chhattisgarh), Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Bewar/Dahiya: Madhya Pradesh.
- Podu/Penda: Andhra Pradesh.
- Kumari: Western Ghats.
- **Khil:** Himalayan region.
- Kuruwa: Jharkhand.

#### 4. Global Names:

• Milpa: Mexico & Central America.

• Ladang: Indonesia.

• Roca: Brazil.

#### 5. Crops Grown:

• Cereals and food crops for family sustenance.

#### 6. Impact:

• Declining soil fertility due to lack of crop rotation or modern techniques.

#### **II.** Intensive Subsistence Farming

#### 1. Definition:

- Labour-intensive farming with high doses of biochemical inputs and irrigation.
- Practised in areas with high population pressure on land.

#### 2. Challenges:

- Small, uneconomical landholdings due to the right of inheritance.
- Enormous pressure on agricultural land.

#### 3. States Practising Intensive Farming:

• West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Punjab.

#### 4. Objective:

• Maximise output from limited land.

### **III.** Commercial Farming

#### 1. Definition:

• Involves higher doses of modern inputs like HYV seeds, chemical fertilizers, insecticides, and pesticides.

#### 2. Regional Variation:

• Rice is a **commercial crop** in Haryana and Punjab but a **subsistence crop** in Odisha.

#### 3. Plantation Farming:

- A subset of commercial farming where a single crop is grown on large tracts of land.
- Capital-intensive with migrant labour.
- Interface of agriculture and industry.

#### 4. Important Plantation Crops in India:

- **Tea:** Assam and North Bengal.
- Coffee: Karnataka.
- Rubber, Sugarcane, Banana: Various regions.



**Fig. 4.2:** Banana plantation in Southern part of India

#### **5.** Infrastructure Needs:

 Requires a well-developed network of transport and communication to connect plantations with industries and markets.

#### **Key Concepts**

- **Types of Farming in India**: Primitive subsistence, intensive subsistence, and commercial.
- Regional Variations in Crop Usage:
- Rice: Commercial in Haryana but subsistence in Odisha.
- **Plantation Crops**: Tea, coffee, rubber, sugarcane, and banana.
- Role of Transport and Communication: Essential for plantation farming.

# MCQ Questions on NCERT Geography Class 10 Chapter 4 | Types Of Farming

# Question 1. Which type of tools are commonly used in primitive subsistence farming?

- a) Tractors and ploughs
- b) Hoe, dao, and digging sticks
- c) Drip irrigation systems
- d) Advanced Machinery

Answer: b) Hoe, dao, and digging sticks

#### Question 2. What does the term "slash and burn" agriculture refer to?

- a) Permanent cultivation of crops
- b) Clearing and burning land for temporary cultivation
- c) Burning crop residues after harvest
- d) Setting fire to forests for urbanisation

**Answer: b)** Clearing and burning land for temporary cultivation

# Question 3. What is the local name for 'slash and burn' agriculture in the northeastern states of India?

- a) Podu
- b) Jhumming
- c) Bewar
- d) Ladang

**Answer: b)** Jhumming

# Question 4. In which state is 'Pamlou' the local term for primitive subsistence farming?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Manipur
- c) Odisha
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: b) Manipur

#### Question 5. What is the primary characteristic of primitive subsistence farming?

- a) Use of fertilisers and irrigation
- b) Labour-intensive farming
- c) Dependence on monsoon and natural soil fertility
- d) Cultivation for commercial purposes

Answer: c) Dependence on monsoon and natural soil fertility

# Question 6. Which of the following is not a local name for shifting cultivation in India?

- a) Bewar
- b) Milpa
- c) Khil
- d) Penda

Answer: b) Milpa

#### Question 7. Why is land productivity low in primitive subsistence farming?

- a) Lack of modern tools and techniques
- b) Overuse of chemical fertilisers
- c) Scarcity of land
- d) Climate change

**Answer: a)** Lack of modern tools and techniques

#### Question 8. What crops are typically grown in primitive subsistence farming?

- a) Tea and coffee
- b) Cereals and food crops
- c) Sugarcane and cotton
- d) Fruits and vegetables

Answer: b) Cereals and food crops

Question 9. What is the local name for shifting cultivation in Odisha?

- a) Pamlou
- b) Kumari
- c) Penda
- d) Waltre

Answer: c) Penda

# Question 10. What happens when soil fertility decreases in primitive subsistence farming?

- a) Farmers use chemical fertilisers.
- b) Farmers leave the land to rejuvenate naturally.
- c) Farmers use irrigation systems.
- d) Farmers cultivate the same patch repeatedly.

**Answer: b)** Farmers leave the land to rejuvenate naturally.

#### Question 11. What is the main characteristic of intensive subsistence farming?

- a) Use of large land holdings
- b) High population pressure on land
- c) Minimal labour involvement
- d) Cultivation of single crops

**Answer: b)** High population pressure on land

# Question 12. Which of the following is commonly used in intensive subsistence farming?

- a) Primitive tools
- b) High doses of biochemical inputs
- c) Advanced machinery
- d) Rainwater harvesting systems

**Answer: b)** High doses of biochemical inputs

# Question 13. Which factor has rendered land-holding sizes uneconomical in intensive subsistence farming?

- a) Overuse of fertilisers
- b) Right of inheritance
- c) Migration of labourers
- d) Lack of rainfall

Answer: b) Right of inheritance

#### Question 14. Which states in India practice intensive subsistence farming?

- a) Punjab and Haryana
- b) Kerala and Karnataka
- c) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- d) Rajasthan and Gujarat

**Answer: c)** Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

# Question 15. Why is there enormous pressure on agricultural land in intensive subsistence farming?

- a) Availability of alternative livelihoods
- b) High doses of fertilisers
- c) Division of land among successive generations
- d) Use of advanced technologies

**Answer: c)** Division of land among successive generations

#### Question 16. What is the primary objective of commercial farming?

- a) Growing crops for family consumption
- b) Producing surplus for the market
- c) Rotating crops to maintain soil fertility
- d) Minimising labour costs

Answer: b) Producing surplus for the market

Question 17. Which of the following inputs is not used in commercial farming?

- a) High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds
- b) Chemical fertilisers
- c) Traditional tools like hoe and dao
- d) Pesticides

Answer: c) Traditional tools like hoe and dao

# Question 18. What is an example of a crop that is commercial in one region and subsistence in another?

- a) Tea
- b) Rice
- c) Coffee
- d) Cotton

Answer: b) Rice

# Question 19. Which farming method involves growing a single crop on a large scale?

- a) Subsistence farming
- b) Shifting cultivation
- c) Plantation farming
- d) Intensive farming

**Answer: c)** Plantation farming

#### Question 20. What is an example of a plantation crop in India?

- a) Wheat
- b) Cotton
- c) Tea
- d) Maize

Answer: c) Tea

Question 21. What is a key requirement for plantation farming?

- a) Labour-intensive cultivation
- b) Dependence on monsoon
- c) Well-developed transport and communication networks
- d) Minimal use of fertilisers

**Answer: c)** Well-developed transport and communication networks

#### Question 22. Which Indian state is famous for coffee plantations?

- a) Assam
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) West Bengal

Answer: b) Karnataka

#### Question 23. Which plantation crop is grown extensively in Assam?

- a) Coffee
- b) Rubber
- c) Tea
- d) Sugarcane

Answer: c) Tea

#### Question 24. What type of labour is primarily employed in plantation farming?

- a) Local farmers
- b) Migrant labourers
- c) Urban workers
- d) Automated machines

**Answer: b)** Migrant labourers

Question 25. What is the main difference between subsistence farming and commercial farming?

- a) Use of inputs
- b) Scale of production
- c) Crops grown
- d) Techniques employed

**Answer: b)** Scale of production

#### Question 26. Which type of farming is also referred to as "labour-intensive"?

- a) Commercial farming
- b) Plantation farming
- c) Intensive subsistence farming
- d) Primitive farming

**Answer: c)** Intensive subsistence farming

#### Question 27. What is the primary characteristic of shifting cultivation?

- a) Permanent cultivation on large tracts of land
- b) Temporary cultivation on cleared patches of land
- c) Use of advanced irrigation systems
- d) Year-round cultivation of cash crops

Answer: b) Temporary cultivation on cleared patches of land

#### Question 28. What links plantation farming with industry?

- a) Family labour
- b) Use of traditional tools
- c) Produce serving as raw material for industries
- d) Minimal transport requirements

**Answer: c)** Produce serving as raw material for industries

# **Cropping Pattern**

#### 1. General Overview:

- Its physical diversity and cultural plurality influence agricultural practices and cropping patterns in India.
- India produces various crops, including food crops, fibre crops, vegetables, fruits, spices, and condiments.
- India has three major cropping seasons: Rabi, Kharif, and Zaid.

# **Rabi Cropping Season**

#### 1. Timeframe:

- **Sown:** October to December (winter).
- Harvested: April to June (summer).

#### 2. Important Rabi Crops:

Wheat, barley, peas, gram, and mustard.

#### 3. Key States:

 Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh.

## 4. Factors Supporting Rabi Crops:

- Precipitation during winter from **western temperate cyclones**.
- **Green Revolution** in *Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh, and parts of Rajasthan* significantly boosted production.

# **Kharif Cropping Season**

#### 1. Timeframe:

- **Sown:** With the onset of monsoon.
- **Harvested:** September to October.

## 2. Important Kharif Crops:

 Paddy, maize, jowar, bajra, tur (arhar), moong, urad, cotton, jute, groundnut, soybean.

## 3. Key Rice-Growing Regions:

- Assam, West Bengal, Odisha (coastal areas), Andhra Pradesh,
  Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra (Konkan coast), Uttar
  Pradesh, and Bihar.
- Paddy is also an important crop in Punjab and Haryana.

## 4. Multiple Paddy Crops in a Year:

- States: Assam, West Bengal, Odisha.
- Varieties: Aus, Aman, Boro.

# **Zaid Cropping Season**

#### 1. Timeframe:

• Between Rabi and Kharif seasons, during the summer months.

## 2. Crops Grown During Zaid Season:

• Watermelon, muskmelon, cucumber, vegetables, fodder crops.

## 3. Special Case:

• Sugarcane takes almost a year to grow.

### 4. Key Insights:

- **Significance of Rabi Crops:** Availability of winter precipitation (western temperate cyclones) and Green Revolution technologies.
- **Impact of Monsoon:** Kharif crops depend heavily on the onset and distribution of monsoon rains.
- **Regional Variations:** Some regions (e.g., Assam, West Bengal, Odisha) grow three paddy crops annually.
- Zaid Season Importance: Fills the gap between the major cropping seasons and provides quick-growing crops like watermelons and cucumbers.

# **Major Crops**

### 1. Overview of Crops in India:

- India grows a variety of food and non-food crops based on soil, climate, and cultivation practices.
- Major crops include rice, wheat, millet, pulses, tea, coffee, sugarcane, oilseeds, cotton, and jute.

#### 2. Rice:

- **Staple Food Crop:** The majority of Indians consume rice as their staple food.
- Global Ranking: India is the second-largest producer of rice in the world, after China.
- **Type of Crop:** It is a kharif crop.
- Climatic Conditions:
  - a. High temperature (above 25°C).
  - **b.** High humidity.

- c. Annual rainfall above 100 cm.
- **d.** In low-rainfall areas, rice is grown with the help of irrigation.

#### • Regions of Cultivation:

- a. Plains of north and northeastern India.
- **b.** Coastal areas and deltaic regions.
- **c.** Low-rainfall areas (Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh, and parts of Rajasthan) with the aid of canal irrigation and tubewells.

#### 3. Wheat:

- Second Most Important Cereal Crop: The main food crop in north and northwest India.
- Type of Crop: It is a rabi crop.
- Climatic Conditions:
  - **a.** Cool growing season.
  - **b.** Bright sunshine during ripening.
  - c. Annual rainfall is 50-75 cm, evenly distributed.
- Wheat-Growing Zones:
  - a. Ganga-Satluj plains in the northwest.
  - **b.** Black soil region of the Deccan.
- Major Producing States: Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Rajasthan.

#### 4. Millets:

- Nutritional Value: Known as coarse grains, but highly nutritious.
  Ragi: Rich in iron, calcium, micronutrients, and roughage.
- Types and Regions:
  - 1. Jowar:
  - **a.** Rain-fed crop grown in moist areas.
  - **b.** Requires minimal irrigation.
  - **c.** Major producers: Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh.

#### 2. Bajra:

- **a.** Grows in sandy soils and shallow black soils.
- **b.** Major producers: *Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat,* and Haryana.

#### 3. Ragi:

- **a.** Grows in dry regions with red, black, sandy, loamy, and shallow black soils.
- **b.** Major producers: *Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh,* Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Jharkhand, and Arunachal Pradesh.

#### 5. Maize:

- **Uses:** Consumed as both food and fodder.
- Type of Crop:
  - **a.** Primarily a kharif crop, though also grown in the rabi season in Bihar.
- Climatic Conditions:
  - a. Temperature: 21°C to 27°C.
  - **b.** Soil: Grows well in old alluvial soil.
- Modern Inputs: The use of HYV seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation boost production.
- **Major Producing States:** Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

#### 6. Pulses:

- India's Position: Largest producer and consumer of pulses in the world.
- Nutritional Value: A major source of protein in a vegetarian diet.
- Types of Pulses: Tur (arhar), urad, moong, Masur, peas, gram.
  - a. Grown in both kharif and rabi seasons.

#### • Climatic Requirements:

- **a.** Require less moisture.
- **b.** Survive in dry conditions.
- Soil Fertility Role:
  - **a.** Leguminous crops (except arhar) fix nitrogen in the soil, improving fertility.
  - **b.** Usually grown in rotation with other crops.
- Major Producing States: Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka.

## **Food Crops Other than Grains**

#### 1. Sugarcane:

- **Crop Type:** Tropical and subtropical crops.
- Climatic Conditions:
  - a. Temperature: 21°C to 27°C.
  - **b. Annual rainfall:** 75 cm to 100 cm (requires irrigation in low-rainfall regions).
  - c. Thrives in hot and humid climates.
- Soil: Grows on a variety of soils.
- Labour Requirement: Requires manual labour from sowing to harvesting.
- Global Rank: India is the second-largest producer of sugarcane after Brazil.
- **Uses:** Produces sugar, gur (jaggery), khandsari, and molasses.
- Major Producing States: Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Punjab, and Haryana.

#### 2. Oilseeds:

• Cropped Area: Covers 12% of the total cropped area in India.

- Global Ranking (2018):
  - a. Groundnut: 2nd largest producer (after China).
  - **b. Rapeseed:** 3rd largest producer (after Canada and China).
- **Types:** Groundnut, mustard, coconut, sesamum (til), soybean, castor seeds, cotton seeds, linseed, sunflower.

#### Uses:

- a. Most are edible oils used in cooking.
- b. Some are used as raw materials in the soap, cosmetics, and ointment industries.

#### • Crop Classification:

- **a. Groundnut:** Kharif crop; Gujarat is the largest producer (followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu).
- b. Linseed and Mustard: Rabi crops.
- c. Sesamum: Kharif crop in the north and rabi crop in the south.
- d. Castor Seed: Grown in both kharif and rabi seasons.

#### 3. Tea:

- **Crop Type:** Plantation agriculture and an important beverage crop.
- **History:** Introduced by the British; now mostly Indian-owned plantations.

#### • Climatic Conditions:

- a. Tropical and subtropical climates.
- b. Deep, fertile, well-drained soil rich in humus.
- c. Warm, moist, frost-free climate with frequent and evenly distributed rainfall.
- **Labour Requirement:** Labour-intensive industry requires abundant, cheap, and skilled labour.
- Processing: Tea is processed within the gardens to maintain freshness.
- Global Rank (2018): Second-largest producer of tea (after China).

 Major Producing States: Assam, hills of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri (West Bengal), Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, Tripura.

#### 4. Coffee:

- Speciality: Indian coffee is known globally for its high quality.
- Variety: Arabica variety, originally brought from Yemen, is in great demand worldwide.
- Initial Cultivation: Introduced in the Baba Budan Hills (Karnataka).
- Regions: Confined to the Nilgiri Hills of Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

### **5.** Horticulture Crops:

- Global Rank (2018): Second-largest producer of fruits and vegetables (after China).
- **Types:** Includes tropical and temperate fruits.
- Examples:
  - **a.** Mangoes: Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.
  - b. Oranges: Nagpur (Maharashtra), Cherrapunjee (Meghalaya).
  - **c.** Bananas: Kerala, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu.
  - d. Lichi and Guava: Uttar Pradesh, Bihar.
  - e. Pineapples: Meghalaya.
  - **f.** Grapes: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra.
  - **g.** Apples, Pears, Apricots, Walnuts: Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh.
- **Vegetables:** Includes peas, cauliflower, onion, cabbage, tomato, brinjal, and potato.

### 6. Non-Food Crops:

#### • Rubber:

- a. Crop Type: Equatorial; grows in tropical and subtropical areas.
- **b.** Climatic Conditions: Moist, humid climate; rainfall above 200 cm; temperature above 25°C.
- c. Uses: Industrial raw material.
- **d.** Regions: Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Garo Hills (Meghalaya).

#### • Fibre Crops:

- a. Types: Cotton, jute, hemp, natural silk.
- **b.** Silk Production: Sericulture (rearing silkworms on mulberry leaves).

#### 7. Cotton:

- History: Believed to be the original home of cotton.
- Crop Type: Kharif crop; requires 6-8 months to mature.

#### • Climatic Conditions:

- **a.** Grows in drier parts of black cotton soil (Deccan Plateau).
- **b.** High temperature, light rainfall, or irrigation.
- **c.** Requires 210 frost-free days and bright sunshine.
- Global Rank (2017): Second-largest producer (after China).
- Major Producing States: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh.

#### 8. Jute:

- Nickname: Known as the golden fibre.
- Climatic Conditions:
  - **a.** Grows in flood plains with well-drained fertile soils.
  - **b.** High temperature required for growth.
- **Uses:** Making gunny bags, mats, ropes, yarn, carpets, artefacts.
- **Regions:** West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Odisha, Meghalaya.

• **Challenges:** Losing the market to synthetic fibres like nylon due to high cost.

## **Technological and Institutional Reforms**

### 1. Overview of Agriculture in India:

- **Historical Significance:** Agriculture has been practiced in India for thousands of years.
- Challenges:
  - **a.** Lack of compatible techno-institutional changes hindered agricultural development.
  - **b.** Heavy dependence on monsoons and natural soil fertility, despite irrigation development.
- **Population Pressure:** Agriculture, which provides livelihood to more than 60% of the population, faces challenges in sustaining the growing population.

### 2. Institutional Reforms Post-Independence:

- Key Reforms:
  - a. Collectivisation.
  - **b.** Consolidation of land holdings.
  - **c.** Cooperation.
  - d. Abolition of the Zamindari system.
- Focus of the First Five-Year Plan: Land reforms were the central focus to address land fragmentation caused by inheritance laws.
- Implementation Issues: Land reform laws were enacted but poorly implemented.

## 3. Technological and Agricultural Reforms:

#### • Green Revolution (1960s-1970s):

- **a.** Based on package technology.
- **b.** Led to agricultural development but concentrated in selected areas.
- White Revolution (Operation Flood): Enhanced milk production and rural economy.

#### • Comprehensive Land Development Programme (1980s-1990s):

- a. Institutional and technical reforms.
- **b.** Provision for crop insurance against natural calamities.
- **c.** Establishment of Grameen Banks, cooperative societies, and low-interest loans for farmers.

#### 4. Government Initiatives:

#### • Schemes Introduced:

- a. Kissan Credit Card (KCC): Provides easy access to credit.
- **b.** Personal Accident Insurance Scheme (PAIS): Covers farmers against accidents.

#### • Agricultural Awareness:

**a.** Special weather bulletins and agricultural programs for farmers on radio and TV.

#### • Price Support:

**a.** Announcement of minimum support prices (MSP), remunerative and procurement prices to prevent exploitation by speculators and middlemen.

#### 5. Bhoodan-Gramdan Movement:

• **Leader:** Initiated by Vinoba Bhave, Gandhi's spiritual heir.

#### • Origin:

**a.** During a lecture in Pochampalli, Andhra Pradesh, poor landless villagers demanded land.

**b.** Shri Ram Chandra Reddy donated 80 acres of land for distribution among 80 villagers. This act was termed Bhoodan.

#### • Expansion:

- **a.** Some zamindars donated entire villages, termed as Gramdan.
- **b.** Landowners often donated land due to fear of the Land Ceiling Act.
- **Significance:** Known as the Bloodless Revolution, spreading Gandhiji's message of economic and social equality.

# **Key Takeaways for Exams**

- Institutional Reforms: Understand the focus and shortcomings of land reforms and their impact.
- 2. **Technological Reforms:** Memorize the key features and outcomes of the Green Revolution and White Revolution.
- 3. **Government Schemes:** Highlight initiatives like KCC, PAIS, MSP, and their role in supporting farmers.
- 4. **Bhoodan-Gramdan:** Learn the contributions of Vinoba Bhave and the significance of this movement in achieving social justice.

# MCQ Questions on NCERT Geography Class 10 Chapter 4 | Types Of Farming

# Question 1. What type of farming is known as 'slash and burn' agriculture?

- A) Commercial farming
- B) Primitive subsistence farming
- C) Intensive subsistence farming
- D) Plantation farming

### Answer: B) Primitive subsistence farming

## Question 2. In which Indian state is 'jhumming' practiced?

- A) Punjab
- B) Assam
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Gujarat

Answer: B) Assam

# Question 3. Which tool is NOT typically used in primitive subsistence farming?

- A) Hoe
- B) Tractor
- C) Digging stick
- D) Dao

**Answer: B)** Tractor

# Question 4. What is the main characteristic of commercial farming?

- A) Use of primitive tools
- B) Slash and burn methods

- C) High use of modern inputs like HYV seeds and fertilisers
- D) Dependence on monsoon

Answer: C) High use of modern inputs like HYV seeds and fertilisers

# Question 5. Which crop is commercial in Punjab but subsistence in Odisha?

- A) Wheat
- B) Rice
- C) Maize
- D) Sugarcane

Answer: B) Rice

# Question 6. Which crops are grown in the rabi season?

- A) Paddy, Maize
- B) Wheat, Mustard
- C) Jowar, Bajra
- D) Watermelon, Muskmelon

Answer: B) Wheat, Mustard

Question 7. What is the major cropping season between rabi and Kharif?

- A) Summer B) Zaid
- C) Monsoon
- D) Spring

Answer: B) Zaid

# Question 8. Which crops are grown during the zaid season?

- A) Wheat and Barley
- B) Paddy and Jowar
- C) Watermelon and Muskmelon
- D) Sugarcane and Cotton

**Answer: C)** Watermelon and Muskmelon

# Question 9. Which crop is India the second-largest producer after China?

- A) Wheat
- B) Rice
- C) Tea
- D) Cotton

Answer: B) Rice

Question 10. Which soil type is ideal for growing cotton?

- A) Red soil
- B) Black soil
- C) Sandy soil
- D) Alluvial soil

Answer: B) Black soil

# Question 11. Which pulse helps in restoring soil fertility by fixing nitrogen?

- A) Arhar
- B) Moong
- C) Gram
- D) Masur

Answer: B) Moong

# Question 12. Which state is the largest producer of sugarcane in India?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Karnataka
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: A) Uttar Pradesh

#### **Question 13. What is 'sericulture'?**

- A) Cultivation of tea
- B) Production of sugarcane
- C) Rearing of silkworms for silk fibre
- D) Cultivation of rubber

Answer: C) Rearing of silkworms for silk fibre

## Question 14. Which fibre crop is known as the 'golden fibre'?

- A) Cotton
- B) Jute
- C) Hemp
- D) Silk

Answer: B) Jute

# Question 15. What was the main focus of India's First Five-Year Plan in agriculture?

- A) Green Revolution
- B) Land Reforms
- C) White Revolution
- D) Kissan Credit Card Scheme

**Answer: B)** Land Reforms

# Question 16. Which revolution is associated with milk production in India?

- A) Green Revolution
- B) Blue Revolution
- C) White Revolution
- D) Yellow Revolution

Answer: C) White Revolution

# Question 17. What is the purpose of the Kissan Credit Card (KCC) scheme?

- A) Provide high-yielding seeds
- B) Offer credit to farmers at low interest rates
- C) Ensure minimum support price for crops
- D) Train farmers in modern farming techniques

**Answer: B)** Offer credit to farmers at low interest rates

#### **Question 18. Who started the Bhoodan movement?**

- A) Mahatma Gandhi
- B) Vinoba Bhave
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru
- D) Sardar Patel

Answer: B) Vinoba Bhave

# Question 19. What is the Bhoodan-Gramdan movement also known as?

- A) Green Revolution
- B) Blood-less Revolution
- C) Operation Flood
- D) Land Redistribution Revolution

Answer: B) Blood-less Revolution

# Question 20. Which region is known for the production of 'Boro' paddy?

- A) Punjab
- B) West Bengal
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B)** West Bengal

Question 21. Which type of farming uses a single crop grown in a large area, like tea or coffee?

- A) Primitive farming
- B) Plantation farming
- C) Intensive farming
- D) Subsistence farming

**Answer: B)** Plantation farming

Question 22. Which crop requires an annual rainfall above 200 cm and a temperature above 25°C?

- A) Cotton
- B) Rubber
- C) Wheat
- D) Bajra

Answer: B) Rubber

Question 23. Which crop is grown both as a rabi and a Kharif crop in India?

- A) Cotton
- B) Groundnut
- C) Maize
- D) Sesamum

**Answer: D)** Sesamum

## Question 24. In which states is tea primarily grown?

- A) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- B) Assam and West Bengal
- C) Maharashtra and Gujarat
- D) Kerala and Karnataka

**Answer: B)** Assam and West Bengal



