

EXERCISE

Ques 1. Answer the following questions.

(i) What is agriculture?

Ans: Agriculture is the primary activity that involves cultivation of crops, fruits, vegetables, flowers and rearing of livestock.

(ii) Name the factors influencing agriculture.

Ans. Factors influencing agriculture include topography of soil and climate.

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(iii) What is shifting cultivation? What are its disadvantages?

Ans. the form of agriculture in which a plot of land is cleared by cutting the trees and burning them. The ashes are then mixed with soil and crops are grown. it involves deforestation and burning of trees. Thus it is not good for environment.

(iv) What is plantation agriculture?

Ans. where only a single crop (like tea, coffee, sugarcane, cashew, rubber, banana or cotton) is grown.

(v) Name the fiber crops and name the climatic conditions required for their growth.

Ans. Two major fiber crops are jute and cotton. Jute grows well on alluvial soil and requires high temperature, heavy rainfall and humid climate for its growth. Cotton needs high temperature, light rainfall and bright sunshine for its proper growth.

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Ques 2. Tick the correct Answer:

(i) Horticulture means

- (a) growing of fruits and vegetables
- (b) primitive farming
- (c) growing of wheat

(ii) Golden fiber refers to

- (a) Tea
- (b) Cotton
- (c) Jute

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(iii) Leading producers of coffee

(a) Brazil

(b) India

(c) Russia

Ques 3. Give reasons.

(i) In India agriculture is a primary activity.

Ans. Agriculture is an activity of growing crops, fruits, vegetables, flowers and rearing of livestock.

(ii) Different crops are grown in different regions.

Ans. The growing of crops depends on a lot of factors. Climate, rainfall, humidity, etc. are important factors. In absence of certain conditions, it may not be possible to grow a certain crop. So, different crops are grown in different regions.

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Ques 4. Distinguish between the followings.

Primary Activities	Secondary Activities
<p>1. Activities which involve direct extraction and production of natural resources are called primary activities.</p> <p>2. Examples : agriculture, fishing and gathering.</p>	<p>1. Activities which are concerned with the processing of natural resources are called secondary act</p> <p>2. Examples : manufacturing activities in industry, baking bread.</p>