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People As Resource

Class 9 Economics

Chapter 2 Question Answer

Q.1 What do you understand by 'People as Resource'?

Answer:- People as Resources is a way of referring to a country's working people in terms of their existing productive skills and abilities. Land, labour, capital, etc. are the important resources of a country because these help in further production. But in fact, human capital is in one way superior to other resources like land and physical capital. Human resource can you make use of land and capital. Land and capital cannot become useful on its own.

Q.2 How is human resources different from other resources like land and physical capital?

Answer:

Human Resources	Land and Physical capital Resources
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Human resources is an active factor of production.2. It is a primary factor of production.3. It can make use of land and capital.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Land and physical capital is a passive factor of production.2. There har secondary factor of production.3. They cannot become useful on their own.

Q.3 What is the role of education in human capital formation ?

Answer:

Education play an important role in human capital formation.

- **Education is the main factor of economic and social development.**
- **Education helps in development of science and technology.**
- **Education increases the efficiency of workers.**
- **education helps in increasing the mental horizon of the people and is must to development personality.**
- **Education enhances the national income, natural richness and increase the efficiency of governance.**

Q. 4 What is the role of health in human capital formation ?

Answer:- Health play an important role in human capital formation.

Health does not mean survival only. It involves not only the physical fitness of the individual but also his mental, economic and social well being.

Good health increases the efficiency of a worker.

Good health increase the learning capacity of a worker.

Q.5 What part does health play in individual's working life?

Answer:- Health plays an important role in individuals working life:-

- Good health increases the efficiency of a worker.
- Good health increases the learning capacity of a worker.

Q. 6 What are various activities undertaken in the primary sector, secondary sector and tertiary sector?

Answer:-

1. **Primary sector activities:** All the activities that are associated directly with National resources are called primary sector activities. For example forestry, fishing, mining, dairy etc.
2. **Secondary sector activities:** These are those activities in which people are engaged in the manufacturing process. In secondary sector primary goods are used to produce. Some other commodities, manually or by machines. For example -manufacturing, quarrying.
3. **Tertiary sector activities:** These are those activities which provide services to the primary and secondary activities. These services increase efficiency of the worker of primary and secondary sector. For example - health, education, banking, insurance etc.

Q. 7 What is the difference between economic activities and non-economic activities?

Answer:-

Economic Activities	Non-economic Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Economic activities contribute to the flow of goods and services in an economy.▪ If there is an increase in production activities that means the economy is progressing.▪ Economic activities lead to an increase in the personal income as well as the national income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ These activities do not contribute to the flow of goods and services in any economy.▪ Increase in these activities is not an indicator at the economic progressing.▪ These activities do not lead to an increase in the personal and national income.

Q. 8 Why women employed in low paid work ?

Answer:- Women are employed in low paid work because:

- **Most of the women are unskilled workers.**
- **Most of them are not ready to work outside their domestic domain.**
- **Literacy level among women is also very low.**
- **Various activities relating to legal protection of women is meagre.**

Q. 9 How will you explain the term unemployment ?

Answer:- Unemployment is said to exist when people who are willing to work at the going wages cannot find job.

Q. 10 What is the difference between disguised unemployment and seasonal unemployment?

Answer:-

Disguised unemployment	Seasonal unemployment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Disguised unemployment is a type of unemployment under which people appear to be employed, but actually they are not.▪ It is mostly found in agriculture.▪ It is mainly found in rural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ it is a type of unemployment under which workers are employed only for a particular season.▪ It is mostly found in agro based industries.▪ It is found both in rural as well as urban areas.

Q. 11 Why is educated unemployment, a peculiar problem of India?

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Answer:- The following are the main reasons for why is educated unemployment a peculiar problem of India.

- Educated unemployment is mainly found in urban areas.
- Many youth with matriculation, graduation and post graduation degrees are not able to find a job.
- A study showed that unemployment among graduates and post graduate has increased faster than among the matriculates.

- A paradoxical manpower situation is witnessed as surplus manpower in certain categories co-exists with the shortage of man power in others.
- There is unemployment among technically qualified persons on one hand, while there is a dearth technical skills required for economic growth.

Q. 12 In which field do you think India can build the maximum employment opportunity?

Answer:- Economic activities can be divided into primary, secondary and tertiary sector:

1. **Primary sector:** Primary sector includes agriculture forestry, animal husbandry etc. More than 60% of the population is already working in the primary sector. This sector is already facing the problem of disguised unemployment. So there is no space for further employment.
2. **Secondary sector:** Quarrying and manufacturing is included in the secondary sector. This sector absorbs only 10% of the working population. There is much space in this sector as new percent manufacturing units are being set up. This sector has the maximum capacity to absorb surplus workers of the primary sector.
3. **Tertiary sector:** This sector provides services. As the need for the service sector is increasing, this sector has the ability to absorb some working population.

Q. 13 Can you suggest some measures in the education system to mitigate the problem of the educated unemployed?

Answer:-

- **Technical education should be provided.**
- **Vocational education should be introduced.**
- **Emphasis should be given to skill development.**

Q. 14 Can you imagine some village which initially had no job opportunities but later come up with many?

Answer:- There was a village inhabited by several families. Each family produced enough to feed its members. Each family met its needs by the members making their own clothes and teaching their own children. One of the family decided to send one of its sons to an agriculture College. The boy got his admission in the nearby college of agriculture. After some time he became qualified in in agro engineering and came back to the village. He proved to be so creative that he could design an improved type of plough, which increases the yield of wheat. Thus new job of agro engineer was created and field in the village. Inspired by this success all the families after sometime held a meeting in the village. They all wanted to have a better future for their children too. They requested to panchayat to open a school in the village. The panchayat with the help of government opened a school.

A teacher was recruited from a nearby town. After some time one of the families gave training to his daughter in tailoring. She started stitching clothes for all the families at the village. Over time, this village, which formally had no job opportunities in the beginning, had many opportunities like teacher, tailor, agro engineer and many more.

Q. 15 Which capital would you consider the best – land, labour, physical capital and human capital? Why?

Answer:- In all kinds of capital, Land, labour, physical capital and human capital, The human capital is the best because human capital can make use of land, labour and physical capital. Land and capital cannot become useful on its own.

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