

OBJECTIVES OF COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY SYLLABUS

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To acquaint the students of commercial geography (HSSC/Intermediate Commerce) with its bases regarding commercial activities in different environments, referring to world resources in general and Pakistan in particular.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To identify the early commercial activities in the world reflecting different occupations in various environments.
- To note, shift and change from primitive activities, and to understand the different stages of agricultural development.
- To comprehend the importance of manufacturing industries and handi-crafts in the world as commercial activities.
- Growth of population, its trends and distribution.
- To acquaint the students with the importance of human resources, agricultural produce, mineral and their distribution in the world, to acquire specific knowledge about the production of food – crops in the world – their consumption and short-falls.
- To know the geographic location of Pakistan with reference to her physical environments.
- To understand the utilization of human resources of Pakistan and mode of their exploitation.

CONTENTS OF COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY SYLLABUS

1. World

Part-I: Definition of world commercial activities and their response to different environments:

- a. Primary/Primitive activities
- b. Fishing
- c. Hunting
- d. Lumbering
- e. Agricultural activities
- f. Advent of agricultural activities
- g. Animal Husbandry/Herding
- h. Farming-Subsistence
- i. Industries and handicrafts
- j. Skills and factors of manufacturing
- k. Types and products
- l. Iron and Steel, Textile, Fertilizers
- m. Population growth-its global distribution, trends and its effect on various commercial activities
- n. Growth – World-wide
- o. Distribution
- p. Trends and effects on Commerce
- q. Orientation of Commercial activities and their modern trends
- r. Choices of different countries
- s. Inter-relationship of choices and commercial activities
- t. Impact of the latest technology on existing commercial activities and the resultant trends

Part-II: World resources and their distribution

- a. Agricultural resources with special emphasis on food resources and rate of consumption
 - i. Wheat, Rice, Sugar-cane, Tea, edible oils
 - ii. Cotton, Rubber and Wool
 - iii. Commodity flow and consumption
- b. Mineral resources and their reserve estimates:
 - i. Iron, Ore
 - ii. Gold
 - iii. Uranium
- c. Energy resources and their application
 - i. Coal
 - ii. Electricity- Thermal/Hydro-electric/nuclear
 - iii. Natural Oil and Gas
- d. Human resources and their utilization:

- i. Types according to various occupations
- ii. Utilization-Optimum and under utilization
- iii. Effects on Socio-economic conditions

2. **Pakistan**

- a. Location and physical environments
 - i. Geographical location and physical features
 - ii. Climate and natural vegetation
 - iii. Soils and irrigations
- b. Resources and their exploitation
 - i. Agricultural and their exploitation: Sugar-cane, Cotton, Tobacco
 - ii. Power-Electricity, Nuclear, Solar Energy & Bio-gas
- c. Population, its involvement and options for various commercial activities and its impact on national, regional and international trade
 - i. Distribution and occupation
 - ii. Migration-immigration and emigration
 - iii. Influence upon nations, regional and international trade
- d. Logistics for the transfer of various resources:
 - i. Roads
 - ii. Railway
 - iii. Airways and Water ways
- e. Priorities and identity of the commercial needs of Pakistan
 - i. Food autarky
 - ii. Technology know-how and its application in various fields of commercial activities
 - iv. Perspectives needs and their fulfilment, by adding facilities like augmenting the existing irrigation system power resources etc

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE BOOKS

In contrast to the previous practice the examination will not be based on a single textbook, but will now be curriculum based to support the examination reforms. Therefore, the students and teachers are encouraged to widen their studies and teaching respectively to competitive textbooks and other available material.

Following books are recommended for reference and supplementary reading:

1. Economics & Commercial Geography
Written by: Gul Zaman Qazi
2. Commercial Geography
Written by: Mian Muhammad Anwar
3. Regional & Commercial Geography
Written by: Col. K.U. Qureshi and Dr Miss M.K. Elahi