EXAM-DAY · 90-MIN REVISION CARD

Primary Activities

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FORMULAS & KEY RESULTS

Primary activity = direct extraction from nature (hunting, gathering, fishing, pastoralism, agriculture, mining, forestry).

Pastoralism: NOMADIC (Bedouin, Maasai, Mongol) vs COMMERCIAL (USA, Argentina, Australia, NZ, S. Africa ranches).

Subsistence agriculture: PRIMITIVE (shifting — jhum/milpa/ladang/roca) + INTENSIVE (wet rice in monsoon Asia, dry farming in drier zones).

Commercial agriculture types (6): commercial grain (wheat — Prairies/Pampas/Steppes), mixed farming, dairy, Mediterranean, plantation, market gardening/factory farms.

Plantation = 5 features → single crop + large estate + capital + scientific methods + transport network. ALL output sold.

Mining factors: PHYSICAL (size, grade, depth of ore) + ECONOMIC (demand, technology, capital, labour, transport).

Methods: SURFACE = open-pit, strip, quarrying (cheap, shallow, large). SUB-SURFACE = shaft mining (deep, expensive, high-grade).

Developed vs developing: developed countries shift FROM mining TO services; developing countries depend on mineral exports.

TOP 5 PYQ PATTERNS

1 Distinguish two farming types (3-mark table)
3 marks · 95% of years
Use 4 rows: scale, labour, technology, market orientation.

2 Plantation agriculture — 5 features (5-mark)
5 marks · 88% of years
Define + 5 points (single crop / large estate / capital / scientific / transport).

3 Define + locate (1-mark identifier)
1 mark · 80% of years
Memorise regional name + region (milpa = Mexico, ladang = Indonesia, jhum = NE India, roca = Brazil, masole = Central Africa).

4 Factors affecting mining (3-mark)
3 marks · 70% of years
Split into physical + economic, 3 each.

5 Shifting cultivation — characteristics or problems (3-5 mark)
5 marks · 60% of years
Always mention: small patch, slash-burn, low yield, soil exhaustion, environmental damage.

90-MIN REVISION FLOW

0–15 min
Read big picture: 4 sectors of economy + place this chapter in sector 1; memorise definition + 8 forms of primary activity.

15–30 min
Master pastoralism: 4 regions of nomadic herding + 4 regions of commercial ranching with one indicator group each.

30–55 min
Subsistence agriculture deep-dive: shifting cultivation regional names table (jhum/milpa/ladang/roca/masole/chena) + intensive subsistence wet rice + dry farming.

55–75 min
Commercial agriculture: 6 types in a comparison table — commercial grain, mixed, dairy, Mediterranean, plantation, market gardening. Memorise plantation's 5 features.

75–90 min
Mining: factors (physical + economic) + methods (surface vs sub-surface) + developed vs developing contrast. Quick-recall 3 PYQs.

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