

QUICK DRILL · CBSE CLASS 12

Primary Activities

Geography (Fundamentals of Human Geography) · Chapter 5 · 15 MCQs · 20 minutes · PYQ-tagged with time budgets

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	15	20 min	+1 / 0	≥ 12/15

OBJECTIVES

Reinforce the four core topics of Primary Activities via 15 PYQ-derived MCQs. Identify weak sub-topics via concept-node IDs (see answer key). Build per-question time budget habit.

INSTRUCTIONS

Attempt all 15. Time budget shown per Q (use it as pacing guide). Mark answers (A/B/C/D) in the margin. Answer key + explanations on the last page. **Don't peek — score yourself honestly.**

SECTION · QUICK DRILL

Q 1-15 · 20 MIN

Q1. Which of the following is NOT a primary activity?

- (A) Mining
- (B) Fishing
- (C) Banking
- (D) Gathering

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Q2. The Bedouins of the Sahara are best classified as

- (A) Commercial livestock rearers
- (B) Plantation labourers
- (C) Nomadic herders
- (D) Shifting cultivators

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Q3. JHUM cultivation is practised in

- (A) Mexico
- (B) Brazil
- (C) North-East India
- (D) Indonesia

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Q4. Wet rice cultivation in monsoon Asia is an example of

- (A) Commercial grain farming
- (B) Intensive subsistence agriculture
- (C) Plantation agriculture
- (D) Mixed farming

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Q5. Which of the following is NOT a feature of plantation agriculture?

- (A) Single crop on a large estate
- (B) Capital intensive
- (C) Output sold on world markets
- (D) Produced mainly for family consumption

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Q6. Mediterranean agriculture is associated with

- (A) Hot wet summers + cold dry winters
- (B) Wet winters + dry summers
- (C) Year-round rainfall
- (D) Permanent drought

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Q7. Open-pit mining is preferred when

- (A) Ore is deep and high-grade
- (B) Ore is near the surface and large
- (C) Ore is high-cost and labour-intensive
- (D) Ore is rare and scattered

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Q8. Which group lives in the ARCTIC tundra and practises hunting?

- (A) Maasai
- (B) Bushmen
- (C) Inuit
- (D) Pygmies

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- Q9.** Mixed farming is characterised by
(A) Single cash crop on a large estate
(B) Cultivation of crops + rearing of livestock on the same farm
(C) Shifting from one patch to another
(D) Producing only milk
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- Q10.** Which of the following is a temperate grassland region of commercial grain farming?
(A) Llanos
(B) Pampas
(C) Selva
(D) Taiga
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- Q11.** MILPA is the local name for shifting cultivation in
(A) Indonesia
(B) Brazil
(C) Mexico
(D) Sri Lanka
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- Q12.** Which factor is NOT a physical factor affecting mining?
(A) Size of the deposit
(B) Grade of the ore
(C) Depth of the deposit
(D) Demand in the market
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- Q13.** Dairy farming is MOST developed in
(A) Sahara
(B) NW Europe
(C) Amazon basin
(D) Central Asia
PYQ 2018 · Outside Delhi · 1m · 30s

- Q14.** Market gardening is characterised by
(A) Large estate, single crop, for export
(B) Small farms near a city, intensive cultivation of high-value fresh produce
(C) Nomadic movement of herders
(D) Slash-and-burn forest clearance
PYQ 2022 · Delhi · 1m · 30s

- Q15.** Which of these countries is a leading COPPER mining nation?
(A) Chile
(B) Bangladesh
(C) Egypt
(D) Italy
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ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-15 · MARK YOUR SCORE

Q1. Answer: C

Banking is a tertiary (service-sector) activity. Mining, fishing and gathering are direct extraction from nature.

Q2. Answer: C

Bedouins move with their herds across desert pastures — classic nomadic herding.

Q3. Answer: C

Jhum is the regional name for shifting cultivation in NE India. Milpa = Mexico, Roca = Brazil, Ladang = Indonesia.

Q4. Answer: B

Tiny holdings + heavy labour + irrigation + produce mainly for the family → intensive subsistence.

Q5. Answer: D

Plantation is commercial — output is sold, not consumed by the family. The other 3 are locked features.

Q6. Answer: B

Mediterranean climate = wet winter + dry summer; supports citrus, olives, grapes, wheat.

Q7. Answer: B

Open-pit (a form of surface mining) is cheap and fast — viable when overburden is thin and the deposit is large.

Q8. Answer: C

Inuit live in the Arctic. Maasai = E. Africa, Bushmen = Kalahari, Pygmies = Congo equatorial forest.

Q9. Answer: B

Mixed farming combines crops (wheat, oats, fodder) + livestock (cattle, pigs, poultry) on one farm — risk diversification.

Q10. Answer: B

Pampas of Argentina is a classic commercial wheat-grain belt. Llanos = tropical savanna, Selva = tropical rainforest, Taiga = boreal forest.

Q11. Answer: C

Milpa = Mexico + Central America. Ladang = Indonesia/Malaysia, Roca = Brazil, Chena = Sri Lanka.

Q12. Answer: D

Demand is an ECONOMIC factor. Size, grade and depth are PHYSICAL factors.

Q13. Answer: B

Denmark, Netherlands, Germany + Great Lakes (USA) + NZ = cool temperate climates + large nearby urban markets.

Q14. Answer: B

Market gardening = small + intensive + close to urban market + perishables (vegetables, fruit, flowers).

Q15. Answer: A

Chile is the world's largest copper producer (Chuquicamata, Escondida — open-pit operations).