Social Science

Practice Test Paper 1

Understanding Society: India and Beyond

(Part 1 | Chapter 8: Building Blocks in Economics: The Problem of Choice)

Class IX

Time Allowed: 45 Minutes | Maximum Marks: 25

General Instructions

1. All 13 questions are compulsory. The paper has four sections: A, B, C and D.
2. Section A - 5 marks; Section B - 8 marks; Section C - 9 marks; Section D - 3 marks.
3. Choose one correct option in Section A. Write clear, relevant answers in Sections B, C and D.
4. Study the images carefully before answering the related questions.

SECTION A

(5 questions × 1 mark = 5 marks)

1. The Greek word oikonomia combines words meaning:

(A) land and labour
(B) market and profit
(C) money and banking
(D) household and management

2. Look at the two rows of products. Which pair belongs to essential needs?



(A) Food and medicines
(B) A smartphone and jewellery
(C) Cosmetics and a holiday
(D) A luxury car and a watch

3. A student orders a school bag through a shopping website. Where does this exchange take place?

(A) A welfare programme
(B) A production possibility curve
(C) A central planning office
(D) A virtual market

4. Which pair consists entirely of human-made resources?

(A) Soil and rainfall
(B) Capital and technology
(C) Water and coal
(D) Land and rivers

5. In a planned economy, major decisions about output are made by:

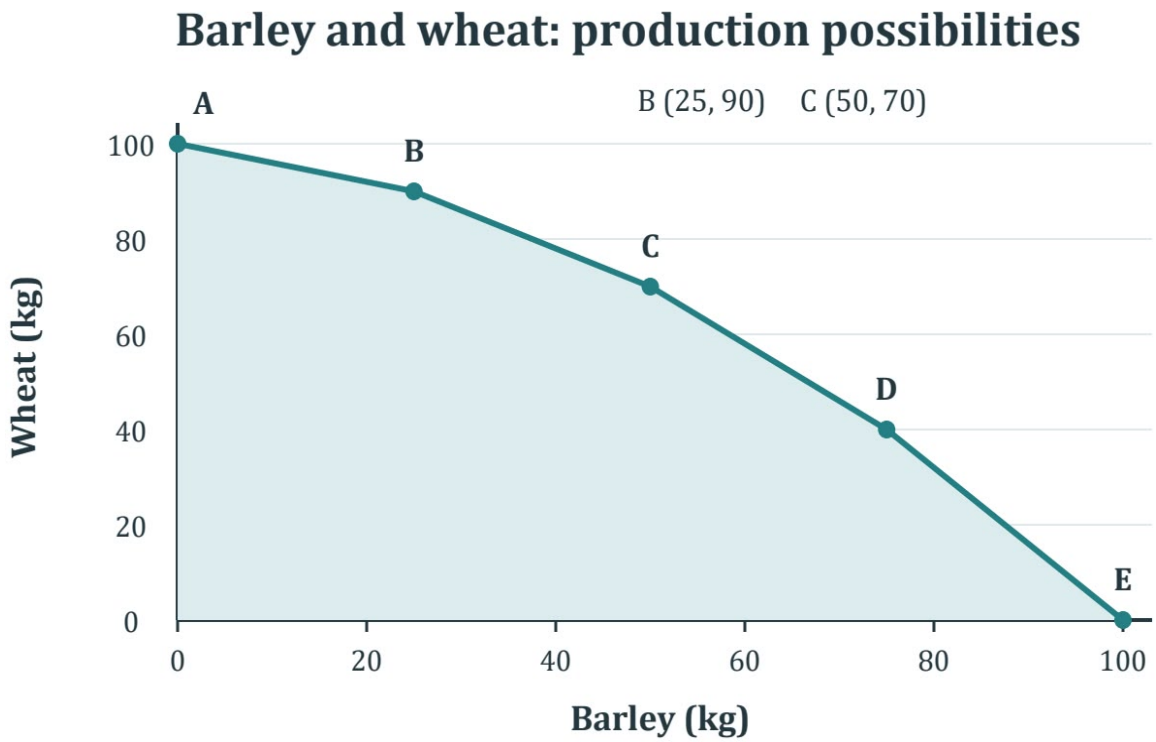
(A) a central government authority
(B) competing shops alone
(C) foreign tourists
(D) individual consumers alone

SECTION B

(4 questions × 2 marks = 8 marks)

6. Explain why a school with five copies of a storybook and twenty interested readers faces an economic choice. Suggest one way to use the books well.

7. Read the production graph. When the farmer moves from B to C, how much extra barley is grown, and what is its opportunity cost in wheat?



8. Why do producers study consumers' income and preferences before deciding which shoes to make? Give two reasons.

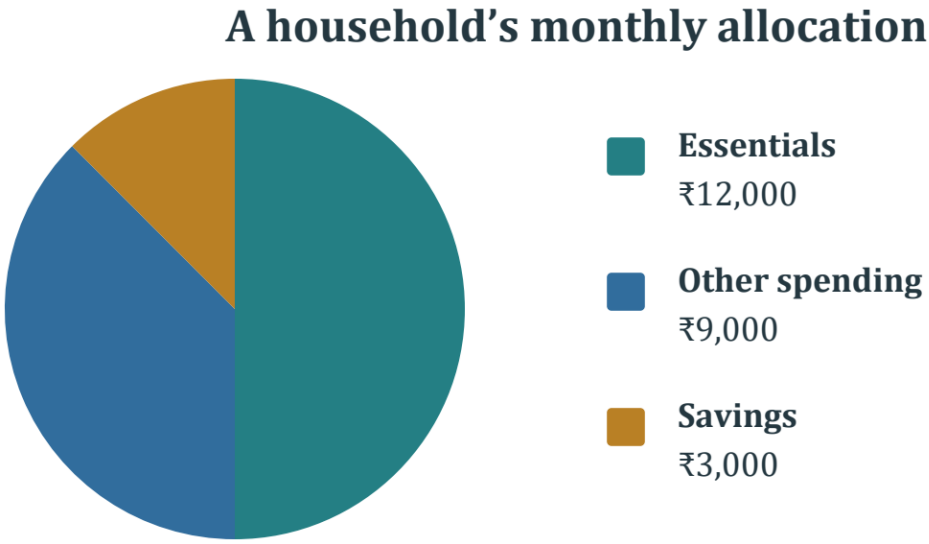
9. Distinguish a labour-intensive production method from a capital-intensive one.

SECTION C

(3 questions × 3 marks = 9 marks)

10. Explain three ways in which competition among producers can benefit consumers.

11. Examine the monthly budget shown below. Find the total income allocated, identify the largest share, and explain what is sacrificed if ₹2,000 is moved from savings to restaurant meals.



Illustrative monthly budget

12. Explain how economics studies interactions among consumers, producers and the government.

SECTION D

(Application Based Question - 3 marks)

13. A workshop has enough wood for either school desks or decorative cabinets. It decides to make affordable desks by employing local carpenters.

(i) Which central economic question is answered by choosing desks rather than cabinets?

(ii) Which central question is answered by employing carpenters?

(iii) Who are the intended users of the chosen product?