Social Science

Practice Test Paper 3

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

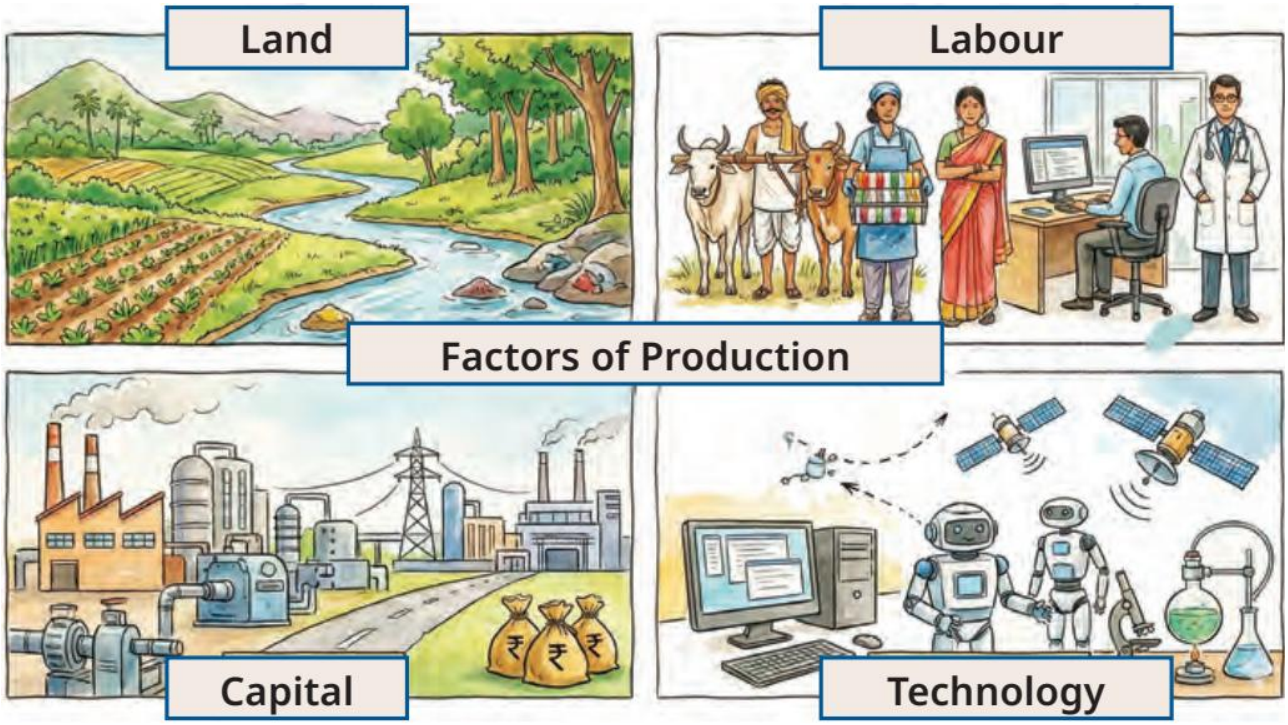
General Instructions

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. In the four-part image, factory buildings and machines are grouped mainly under:



(A) Labour
(B) Consumer tastes
(C) Market demand
(D) Capital

2. Which activity is most clearly capital-intensive?

(A) Harvesting mainly with manual workers
(B) Hand-stitching a customised garment
(C) Manufacturing automobiles with machines
(D) Making a craft mainly by hand

3. An economic entity is:

(A) only a government department
(B) a participant in economic activity
(C) a list of future wants
(D) only a natural resource

4. Which pair consists of market economies?

(A) The former Soviet Union and Cuba
(B) Japan and Hong Kong
(C) North Korea and Cuba
(D) North Korea and the former Soviet Union

5. A course of action adopted or proposed by an organisation is called a:

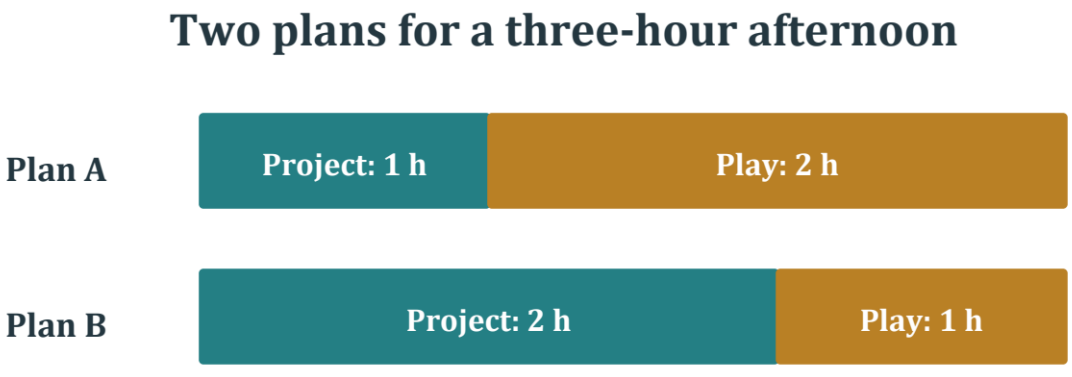
(A) trade-off
(B) policy
(C) survey
(D) resource

SECTION B

(4 questions × 2 marks = 8 marks)

6. Give two differences between school shoes and sports shoes that reflect the needs of their users.

7. Compare the two afternoon plans. Which activity is reduced, and what does the change show about time as a resource?



Illustrative plans; the total time is unchanged

8. State two effects that strict permits and limited entry can have on enterprises in a planned economy.

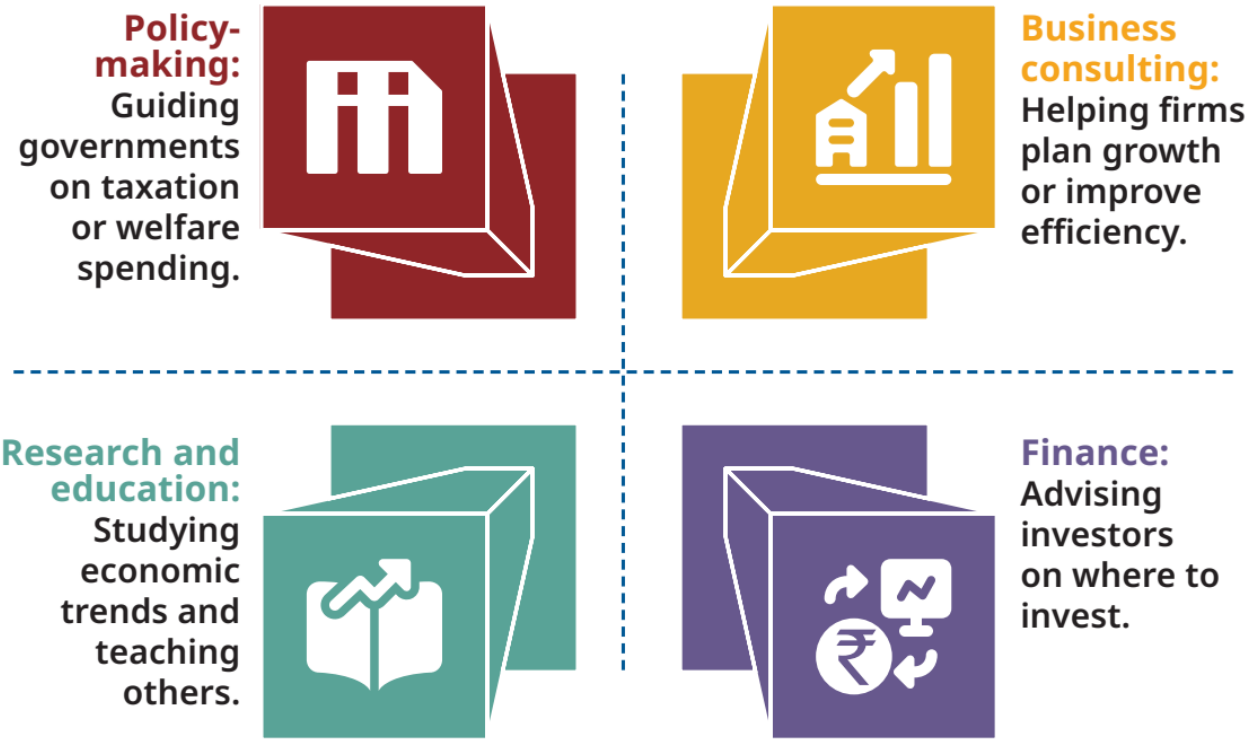
9. Why do both wealthy and low-income households still have to make economic choices?

SECTION C

(3 questions × 3 marks = 9 marks)

10. Explain why a government deciding between a highway and a hospital should consider more than the immediate cost.

11. The image shows four fields in which economists work. Describe how an economist could assist a government, a firm and a student group.



12. An investigator studies wages, the distribution of wealth and changes in market prices. Explain why each study belongs to economics.

SECTION D

(Application Based Question - 3 marks)

13. A town has money for one new project this year: a public park or a shopping complex. Residents ask for the park, while shopkeepers want more retail space.

(i) What makes this a problem of choice?

(ii) What is given up if the town uses the money for the park?

(iii) Why can the park be treated as a public good?