

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION & INTERNATIONAL TRADE

1. Source based question -----

Source -Other roads include Border Roads and International Highways. The Border Road Organisation (BRO) was established in May 1960 for accelerating economic development and strengthening defence preparedness through rapid and coordinated improvement of strategically important roads along the northern and north-eastern boundary of the country. It is a premier multifaceted construction agency. It has constructed roads in high altitude mountainous terrain joining Chandigarh with Manali (Himachal Pradesh) and Leh (Ladakh). This road runs at an average altitude of 4,270 metres above the mean sea level.

1. What is the agency responsible for the development of Border Roads in India?

- a) Indian Highways Authority
- b) Road Development Corporation of India
- c) Border Road Organisation
- d) Indian Roadways Corporation

- Answer: c) Border road organization; it is the agency responsible for the development, maintenance, and management of border roads in India.

2 Which of the following statements about the Border Roads Organization (BRO) is/are correct?

- 1. BRO is concerned with the construction and maintenance of roads for economic development along the northern and north eastern boundary of India
- 2. BRO undertakes snow clearance in high-altitude areas.
- 3. It was established for strategic significance

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- A. Only 1 & 2

B.Only 2&3

C.Only 1&3

D.All 1,2 & 3 are correct

Ans. D Explanation Border road organisation performs all the above functions

3.What is the primary mode of transport for heavy and bulky materials, known for being fuel- efficient and eco-friendly?

a) Air transport

b) Rail transport

c) Road transport

d) Water transport

- Answer: d) Water transport; it is the primary mode of transport for heavy and bulky materials, known for being fuel-efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly.

3. Which water body serves as the primary gateway for India's international trade?

a) Bay of Bengal

b) Arabian Sea

c) Indian Ocean

d) Red Sea

- Answer: b) Arabian Sea; it serves as the primary gateway for India's international trade, connecting the country to various regions across the world.

4. What is the primary mode of transport for intercontinental travel of passengers and cargo?

a) Rail transport

b) Air transport

c) Road transport

d) Water transport

- Answer: b) Air transport; it is the primary mode for intercontinental travel, enabling swift and efficient transportation of passengers and cargo across long distances.

5. Which Indian city is known as the "Silicon Valley of India" due to its significant contributions to the IT industry?

a) Hyderabad

b) Bengaluru

c) Chennai

d) Pune

- Answer: b) Bengaluru; it is known as the "Silicon Valley of India" for its thriving IT sector and numerous tech startups.

6. Assertion and Reasoning Questions

Assertion: The composition of commodities in India's international trade has been changing over the years.

Reasoning: The share of agriculture and allied products has declined, while shares of petroleum and crude products and other commodities have increased.

1.A is true and R is the correct explanation of A

2.A is false and R is not the correct explanation of A

3.Both A and R are true

4.Both A and R are false

Answer: 1 A is true and R is the correct explanation of A

Explanation: The assertion is true because it is supported by the reasoning provided in the passage. It states that the composition of India's international trade has been changing, with a decline in the share of agriculture and an increase in petroleum and other products.

7. Assertion: The decline in traditional agricultural exports from India is mainly due to a lack of demand in international markets.

Reasoning: Among agricultural products, there is a decline in the export of traditional items, such as coffee and cashew.

1. A is true and R is the correct explanation of A
2. A is false and R is not the correct explanation of A
3. Both A and R are true
4. Both A and R are false

Answer: 2 A is false and R is not the correct explanation of A

Explanation: The assertion is false because the reasoning is not entirely true. The decline in traditional agricultural exports is largely due to tough international competition, not solely due to a lack of demand.

8. What is the main reason for the decline in traditional export items of India?

- a) Increase in international demand
- b) Decrease in production
- c) Tough international competition
- d) Change in government policies

- Answer: c) Tough international competition; the decline in traditional export items is largely due to tough international competition.

9. Which major port is known as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea" and is situated at the head of Vembanad Kayal?

- a) Kolkata Port
- b) Kochchi Port
- c) Kandla Port
- d) Chennai Port

- Answer: b) Kochchi Port; it is referred to as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea"

10. What is the primary reason for the decline in the value of food and allied products import in India?

- a) Decrease in demand
- b) Increase in domestic production
- c) Government subsidies
- d) Increase in the prices of edible oils

- Answer: b) Increase in domestic production; the success of the Green Revolution led to the discontinuation of foodgrain imports.