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CBSE Class 10 · Social Science

Lifelines of National Economy

10 most probable questions for Boards 2027

Q1. 0.5 marks · Very short answer

How many major ports does India have, and what share of its foreign trade do they handle?

Answer

India has 12 major ports, which handle 95 per cent of its foreign trade along its 11098.81 km coastline.

Q2. 1 mark · Very short answer

Name the cross-country gas pipeline that linked the Mumbai High and Bassein gas fields to industrial, power and fertiliser complexes.

Answer

The Hazira-Vijaipur-Jagdishpur (HVJ) pipeline linked Mumbai High and Bassein gas fields with industrial, power and fertiliser complexes.

Q3. 2 marks · Short answer

State two important roles played by railways in transporting people and goods in India.

Answer

Railways are the principal mode of transportation for freight and passengers in India. Railways also make it possible for people to conduct multifarious activities like business, sightseeing, pilgrimage along with transportation of goods over longer distances.

Q4. 3 marks · Medium answer

Explain the importance of pipeline transport in India. Include the materials it carries and how it has enabled the development of far-inland refineries and gas-based fertiliser plants.

Answer

1. Pipelines carry crude oil, petroleum products and natural gas from fields to refineries, fertilizer factories and thermal power plants. Solids can also be transported through pipelines when converted into slurry.
2. Pipelines made far-inland refineries at Barauni, Mathura and Panipat, and gas-based fertilizer plants, possible.
3. Initial cost of laying pipelines is high, but subsequent running costs are minimal; pipelines rule out trans-shipment losses or delays.

Q5. 5 marks · Long answer

Explain the growing importance of road transport in India, including its advantages over railways, its ability to serve difficult terrain and its suitability for short-distance travel and goods movement.

Answer

Road transport has growing importance in India because roads are easier to build and maintain and serve a wide range of travel needs.

1. The construction cost of roads is much lower than that of railway lines, and roads can be built and maintained with greater ease.
2. Roads can traverse comparatively more dissected and undulating topography, negotiate higher gradients of slopes and cross difficult mountain terrain, including the Himalayas.
3. Road transport is economical for transporting a few persons and relatively smaller amounts of goods over short distances, making it suitable for local journeys and deliveries.
4. Roads provide door-to-door service, reducing loading and unloading costs, and connect railway stations, air and sea ports as feeder links.

Thus, roads complement railways and provide convenient transport across varied terrain and distances.

Q6. 0.5 marks · Very short answer

Which Indian port is the premier iron-ore exporting port and handles about half of India's iron-ore exports?

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Q7. 1 mark · Very short answer

What is international trade, and through which three routes may it take place?

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Q8. 2 marks · Short answer

Into how many zones has the Indian Railway system been reorganised?

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Q9. 5 marks · Long answer

Explain how roads act as feeder links to other modes of transport. Name the cities linked by the Golden Quadrilateral and the endpoints of the North-South and East-West Corridors.

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Q10. 1 mark · Very short answer

Why is the advancement of international trade considered an economic barometer for a country?

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