

SOCIAL SCIENCE (ECONOMICS) **UNIT - I THE KHWAIRAMBAND MARKET**

SOLUTIONS

TEXTUAL EXERCISES

- **Q1.** Why are oranges very cheap in remote areas of Tamenglong?
- Ans:- Oranges are very cheap in the remote areas of Tamenglong because Tamenglong is the centre of orange production in Manipur.
- "Three oranges for Rs.10. An orange is available at less than Rs 1 in Tamenglong". **Q2.** Can you explain?
- Ans:- As the means of transportation is very poor the oranges from Tamenglong cannot be brought to other district markets or to state capital. When it is brought to other parts of the state by transporters, some fruits may be damaged while in transit. To avoid loss and get profit, they sell it at three oranges for Rs.10 even though it is available at less than Rs.1 in Tamenglong.
- **O3**. Why should a farmer sell his products in the market?
- Ans:- A farmer should sell his products in the market so as to enable him to buy his other requirements.
- Why should we buy vegetables in Khwairamband when these are available at Q4. cheaper prices in Nambol?
- Ans:- After considering the cost of transportation and the time to be spent while going to Nambol, we prefer to buy vegetables in Khwairamband even these are available at cheaper prices in Nambol.

- Ans:- Bargaining is a common feature of transaction?

 Q6. Can you explain why candle from M. Can you explain why candle from Moreh replaced candle made in Manipur has?
- Ans:- Candle imported from Moreh replaced candle made in Manipur because it is cheaper in price.
- You intend to sell in your locality a blanket which cost you Rs 1300/- in Moreh. **Q7.** What are the costs you have to add?
- Ans:- The cost of transportation and the cost of time spent should also be added.

Q8. When bird flu struck, what happened to the market for chicken?

Ans:- When bird flu struck, we see a virtual collapse in the market for chicken.

Q9. Make a list of inputs for producing rice. Classify them into land, labour and capital.

Ans:- Inputs for producing rice.

(a) Land : Agricultural field, water for irrigation.

(b) Labour : Labour for sowing, weeding and harvesting

(c) Capital : Fertilizer, quality seed, tractor.

Q10. Why should we buy fish from Andhra Pradesh when fish can easily be obtained from Loktak Lake?

Ans:- It is because the demand for fish in Manipur cannot be met with local production alone. Moreover fish from Andhra Pradesh when bought in large quantities is so cheap and after inclusion of transport cleaning and cutting cost it is cheaper than local fish.

Q11. Are you unemployed?

Ans:- Yes. As we are students, we are not in the work force.

Q12. Classify the following items into appropriate factor category: Loan from the bank, a stapler nurse, pen, book, teacher, agricultural land.

Ans:- Land - agricultural land

Labour - nurse, teacher

Capital-loan from the bank, a stapler, pen book.

Q13. Can you explain why cooking gas cylinders are sold in black market?

Ans:- Though cooking gas is supposed to be distributed only by authorized agents at fixed prices, dishonest agents sell them in black market at high prices to get huge profit.

- Q14. Make a list of services you buy from the market.
- Ans:- Services of lawyers, doctors, porters cobblers, rickshaw pullers, mechanics, tailors etc.
- Q15. Make a list of items from newspapers; one can obtain 'free' when you buy something.
- **Ans:-** "Buy two shirts and get one free", "Buy 3 soaps and get one free", "Buy a tooth paste and get a tooth brush free", "Buy a packet of biscuit and get a glass bowl free".
- Q16. Can you explain why computers are very cheap today? Should we expect its price falling even further?

Ans:- Now a days, there is a keen competition among the leading producers of computers for capturing the market. In doing so, they tried to enhance their sale by lowering the price of their products. So the price of computers is falling down.

We can expect its price falling even further as the leading producing companies are trying to attract the customers by lowering their price lists.

Q17. What will happen if the products of the Kangla Foods are sold in Nambol only?

Ans:- If the products of the Kangla Foods are sold in Nambol only the number of buyers will be very small and hence the company could not grow or expand. As the local demand would be small, profit making would also be small. Ultimately, there may arise adifficult situation for the company to run the production as it has to pay wages or salaries for its workers.

EXTRA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q1. Why thousands of people visit the Khwairamband market from dawn to late in night?
- *Ans:* They come to buy what they need and sell what they have.
- Q2. Why does a kilogram of passion fruit cost Rs 20 at Imphal when it is available at Rs 8 at Mao?
- **Ans:-** Mao is the centre of production for passion fruit. While transporting the fruit to Imphal, the cost of transportation and damage in transit have to be added to its price and hence its price increases.
- O3. What are the basic issues of economics?
- **Ans:-** The basic issues of economics are: what to produce, how to produce and for whom to produce.
- Q4. Give the reason why people in rural areas flock to agriculture.
- **Ans:-** People in rural areas flock to agriculture by compulsion because they generally do not have skills for other activities.
- Q5. Are the actual producers sell their products in the Khwairamband market?
- Ans:- Many of the actual producers do not sell their products in the Khwairamband market.

Q6. Fish is cheaper in Moirang than in Khwairamband. Give reason.

Ans:- Loktak Lake near Moirang is a major source of fish in Manipur and the price of fish in Khwairamband include the transportation cost.

Q7. Name some taxes paid to the government by the citizens.

Ans:- Some taxes are: income tax, sale tax, value added tax, customs duty etc.

O8. What is distribution chain? Mention some alternative channels of distribution?

Ans:- After a product is manufactured, it is sold to a distributor who sells it to retailers or consumers. There are many intermediaries each passing the product down the chain until it finally reaches the consumer or end user. This is known as distribution chain.

Some alternative channels of distribution are:

- (a) Selling direct
- (b) Selling through agents
- (c) Selling through distributors who sell to retailers
- (d) Selling through retailers.
- (e) Selling through public arrangements like fair price shops.

Q9. What is Opportunity Cost?

Ans. The opportunity foregone in committing ourselves to a particular activity is called the opportunity cost of that activity.

