

NCERT Solutions for Class 8 Geography Chapter 5 – Industries

1. Answer the following questions.

(i) What is meant by the term 'industry'?

Answer: Industry refers to an economic activity that is concerned with the production of goods like the iron and steel industry, the extraction of minerals like the coal mining industry and the provision of services like the tourism industry.

(ii) Which are the main factors which influence the location of an industry?

Answer: Setting up an industry leads to the development and growth of that location. The factors that affect the location of industries are the easy availability of raw materials and land, adequate supply of water and labour, access to power and transport, presence of markets and a good amount of capital. Sometimes, the government also provides incentives like subsidised power, lower transport cost and other infrastructural facilities. This is done to encourage industries to be established in economically backward areas.

(iii) Which industry is often referred to as the backbone of the modern industry and why?

Answer: Steel is called the backbone of modern industry because almost everything we use is either made of steel or has been made with machinery or tools made out of steel. The steel industry is basically the feeder industry, whose products are the raw materials for other industries.

(iv) Why has the cotton textile industry rapidly expanded in Mumbai?

Answer: The warm and moist climate, proximity to the port, easy availability of raw materials and skilled labour helped in the rapid expansion of the cotton textile industry in Mumbai.

- 2. Tick the correct answer.
- (i) Fort Gloster is located in
- (a) West Bengal
- (b) California
- (c) Gujarat

Answer: (a) West Bengal

- (ii) Which one of the following is a natural fiber?
- (a) nylon
- (b) jute
- (c) acrylic



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Answer: (b) Jute

- 3. Distinguish between the following.
- (i) Agro-based and mineral-based industry

Answer: Agro-based industries use plant and animal-based products as their raw materials. It is a source of employment for people in rural areas. Food processing, vegetable oil, cotton textile, dairy products and leather industries are examples of agro-based industries, whereas mineral-based industries are primary industries that use mineral ores as their raw materials. It is a source of employment for both rural and urban populations. Steel and Iron Industries and Heavy Machinery industries are examples of mineral-based industries.

(ii) Public sector and joint sector industry

Answer: Industries owned and operated by the government are public sector industries. Steel Authority of India Limited and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are examples of Public sector industries. On the other hand, joint sector industries are owned and operated by the state and individuals or a group of individuals. Maruti Udyog Limited is an example of joint sector industry.

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| (i) Raw Materials: | and |
| Answer: Iron ore and Cotton | |
| (ii) End products: | _ and |
| Answer: Steel and Cloth | |
| (iii) Tertiary Activities: | and |
| Answer: Transport and banking | |
| (iv) Agro-based Industries: | and |
| Answer: Dairy and Sugar | |
| (v) Cottage Industries: | and |
| Answer: pottery and basket weaving | |
| (vi) Co-operatives: | and |
| Answer: Mother Dairy and Anand M | filk Union Limited (Amul) |

4. Give two examples of the following in the space provided: