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CHAPTER 08

Building Blocks in Economics: The Problem of Choice



NCERT SOLUTIONS



CHANGING WANTS AND LIMITED RESOURCES

Q1. Why do you think people's wants keep changing over time? How does this affect production in an economy? Why cannot all our wants be satisfied?

1. WHY WANTS CHANGE

People's needs, income levels, tastes and lifestyles change. New products and technology also influence what they want. The chapter gives the example of wanting a bicycle, then a motorbike, and then a car.

2. EFFECT ON PRODUCTION

Producers study what consumers want and how much they can afford. They adjust the type and quantity of goods, and sometimes the materials and technology used in production.

3. WHY ALL WANTS CANNOT BE SATISFIED

Human wants are unlimited, but land, labour, capital, technology and other resources are limited. Resources also have alternative uses. So we must make choices and give up some alternatives.

HUMAN WANTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Q2. 'Human wants are unlimited and keep changing'. How do you think this constant desire for more creates pressure on the environment? Can the fulfilment of wants and the extraction of resources be balanced?

HOW WANTS CREATE PRESSURE

- More demand for goods means using more natural resources, such as water, land and coal.
- These resources are limited. Constantly using more of them can leave fewer resources for future needs.
- Production choices can affect water use and soil health.

CAN A BALANCE BE ACHIEVED?

Yes. Choices should use resources efficiently, avoid wastage and consider long-term sustainability, not only short-term profit.

CHAPTER EXAMPLE

Sugarcane and paddy use much water. Where suitable, choosing millets and pulses can save water, improve soil health and support sustainable agriculture.

MANAGING A SCARCE RESOURCE

Q3. Can you think of a resource in your region that is scarce but used wastefully?
How could it be managed better?

SAMPLE ANSWER: WATER

If water is scarce in my region but is being wasted, it needs to be used more carefully.
This is a sample answer, not a claim about every region.

HOW IT COULD BE MANAGED BETTER

- Avoid wasting water and use the available supply efficiently.
- Decide how water should be shared between its competing uses.
- Where local conditions are suitable, choose crops that need less water.
- Consider both present needs and long-term sustainability.

The chapter explains that millets and pulses save water compared with water-intensive crops such as sugarcane and paddy.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND INNOVATION

Q4. Which economic system – market, planned, or mixed – do you think gives people the most freedom? Which economic system is best suited for promoting innovation? Why?

MOST ECONOMIC FREEDOM: MARKET ECONOMY

In the chapter's comparison, a market economy gives private individuals and enterprises the greatest freedom to own resources and make production decisions. Demand and supply guide these choices, with less government control than in a planned economy.

PROMOTING INNOVATION: MARKET ECONOMY

Many producers compete to attract consumers. This encourages them to improve quality, offer lower prices and develop better products or production methods.

A mixed economy can also support competition and innovation while the government provides public goods and regulates private enterprises. Real economies are not completely free of government involvement.

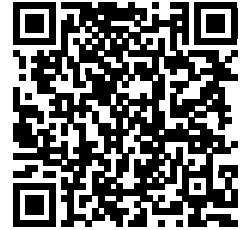


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