

CIVICS

Chapter 2: Role of Government in Health



Important Questions

➤ Multiple Choice Questions :

Question 1. Costa Rica is a country in:

- (a) Europe
- (b) South America
- (c) North America

Question 2. The healthiest country in the American continent is:

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Canada
- (c) Costa Rica

Question 3. The services that are easily available in rural areas is:

- (a) Public services
- (b) Private services
- (c) None

Question 4. In 1996 the state that gave 40% of the entire state budget to Panchayats is:

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala

Question 5. Health care is divided into:

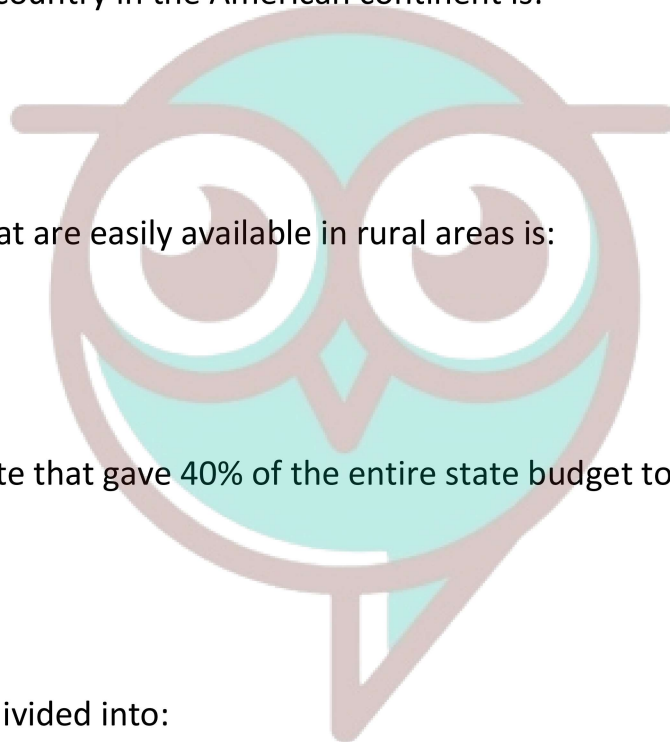
- (a) 6 categories
- (b) 2 categories
- (c) 3 categories

Question 6. Which country has the largest number of medical colleges in the world?

- (a) United states of America
- (b) India
- (c) China

Question 7. In India about how many people die from tuberculosis every year?

- (a) 5 lakh
- (b) 2 lakh
- (c) 7 lakh



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Question 8. RMPs are found in:

- (a) Urban areas
- (b) Rural areas
- (c) Posh areas

Question 9. what do you mean by 'medical tourist'?

- (a) People from other village
- (b) Foreigners came for *medical treatments*
- (c) Indian goes for medical treatments in other countries
- (d) None of these

Question 10. where do most doctors prefer to settle?

- (a) Urban areas
- (b) Rural areas
- (c) Foreign region
- (d) None of these

Question 11. How many people die by tuberculosis every year?

- (a) 2 lakh
- (b) 3 lakh
- (c) 5 lakh
- (d) 1 lakh

Question 12. which one is not a water borne disease?

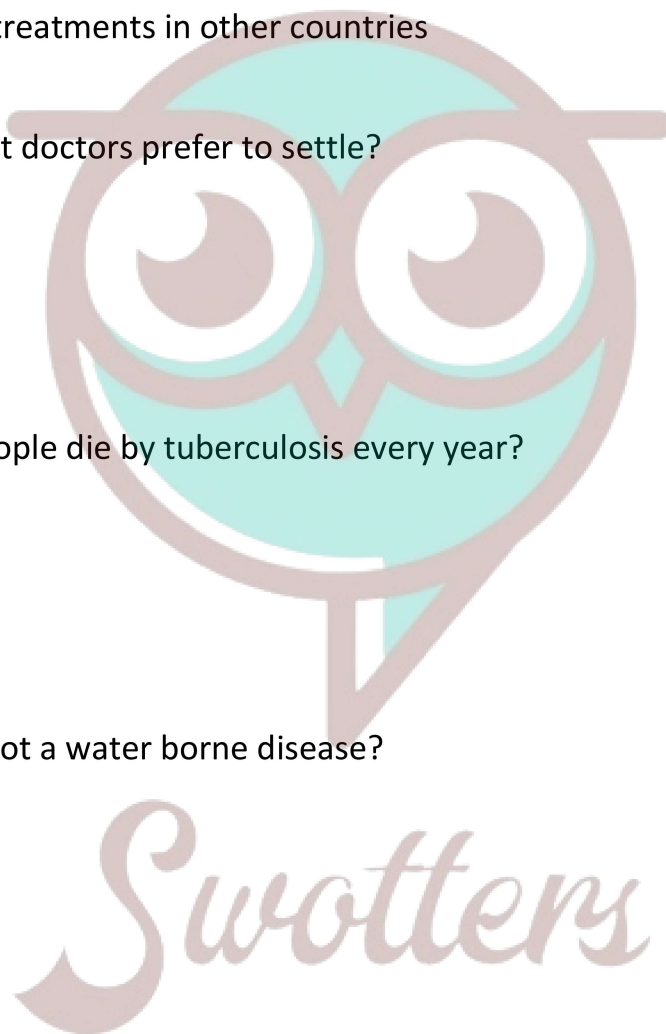
- (a) Diarrhea
- (b) Hepatitis
- (c) Worms
- (d) Cancer

Question 13. what does PHC means?

- (a) Private health center
- (b) Public health center
- (c) Primary health center
- (d) All of these

Question 14. How many children die every year in India?

- (a) 2 million



- (b) 5 million
- (c) 1 million
- (d) 4 million

Question 15. what do you mean by an OPD?

- (a) Operation patient department
- (b) Out Patient Department
- (c) Out premier department
- (d) None of these

➤ **Fill in the blanks :**

1. In India _____ cases of malaria are reported every year.
2. Registered Medical Practitioners are referred by _____.
3. _____ is a service that is organized by an individual or company for its own profit.
4. _____ health concerns are generally ignore(d).
5. Government uses _____ money for providing many public services.

➤ **Write true (T) or false (F) :**

1. Ranjan got costly medical treatment.
2. Private services are concentrated in rural areas.
3. If people do not get adequate food to eat or have to live in cramped conditions, they will be prone to illness.
4. The private health service is a chain of health centres and hospitals run by the government.
5. Adequate healthcare is available to all in India.

➤ **Very Short Questions :**

1. What do people in a democratic country expect the government?
2. Where do most doctor prefer to settle?
3. Name some water borne diseases.
4. What problem do rural people face whenever they come in a grip of an illness?
5. What do we need to prevent and treat illnesses?
6. What do you mean by a public health care system?
7. What happened to Hakim Sheik?

8. Why did Hakim Sheik file a case in the court?
9. Who got costly medical treatment—Aman or Raryan?
10. What did the court ask the State Government in Hakim Sheik case?

➤ **Short Questions :**

1. What do you mean by proper and adequate health care facilities?
2. Differentiate between public health care system and private health care system.
3. Why government hospitals are less expensive as compared to private hospitals?
4. Describe the function of public health system.
5. Why it is important to pay taxes to government?

➤ **Long Questions :**

1. Compare public health services with those of private health services.
2. What is Costa Rican approach? Explain.
3. What major changes were made by the Kerala government in the state in 1996?
4. What did the court say in the case of Hakim Sheik?
5. How can you say that adequate healthcare is not available to all?

ANSWER KEY –

➤ **Multiple Choice Answer :**

1. (b) South America
2. (c) Costa Rica
3. (a) Public services
4. (c) Kerala
5. (b) 2 categories
6. (b) India
7. (a) 5 lakh
8. (b) Rural areas
9. (b) Foreigners came for medical treatments
10. (a) Urban areas
11. (c) 5 lakh
12. (d) Cancer
13. (c) Primary health center

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14. (a) 2 million
15. (b) Out Patient Department

➤ **Fill in the blanks :**

1. 2 million
2. RMPs
3. Private
4. Women's
5. tax

➤ **Write true (T) or false (F) :**

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False

➤ **Very Short Answer :**

1. People in a democratic country expect the government to work for their welfare.
2. Most doctors prefer to settle in urban areas.
3. Diarrhoea, worms, hepatitis.
4. They have to travel long distances to reach a doctor.
5. We need appropriate healthcare facilities such as health centres, hospitals laboratories for testing, ambulance services, etc.
6. This is a system of hospitals and health centres run by the government.
7. One evening in 1992, he accidentally fell off a running train and suffered head injuries.
8. Hakim Sheik filed a case in the court because of the indifferent attitude of various government hospitals that refused to admit him.
9. Ranjan got costly medical treatment.
10. The court asked the State Government to give Hakim Sheik the money that he had spent on his treatment.

➤ **Short Answer :**

1. Proper and adequate health care facilities mean adequate number of health

centres and hospitals, laboratories with proper facilities for testing, quick ambulance service and blood bank facilities. All these services and facilities should be easily accessible to people.

2. Public health care system runs by government, it is less costly. It involves government hospitals and health care centres, while private health care system is runned by people. It is expensive and involves private clinic and hospitals.
3. Government hospitals are run by the taxes and fund collected by government from people. They are for welfare of people to provide better service without any profit. While a private hospital is run by a private person who bears all its expenses on his own.
4. To provide quality health care service at low cost to people, it also includes taking necessary action against spread of various diseases like malaria, TB, cholera, jaundice etc.
5. Because government uses tax money to provide services for benefits of public. Like defence, police judicial system, road and highways construction etc. it also funds some developmental programmes related with health and education. Tax money is used for relief and rehabilitation in case of natural disaster like floods, tsunami, earthquakes, etc. Space, missile and nuclear programmes are also funded from tax money.

The reasons behind it are:

- i. She cannot skip work when her daughter is ill.
- ii. She does not have enough money to take her to doctor.
- iii. She has to stand in a line in the government hospital for her turn to show her daughter to then doctor.

➤ **Long Answer :**

1. Public Health Services and Private Health Services – Comparision:

- i. Public health services are run by the government while private health services are managed by the individuals or companies.
- ii. Public health services provide health care facilities either free or at a low cost so that even the poor can seek treatment easily. Thus, money-making is not a goal of public health services. So far private health services are concerned, they are run mainly for profit. They usually prescribe expensive medicines. It is common for private doctors to prescribe unnecessary medicines, injections or saline bottles when tablets or simple medicines can suffice.
- iii. Public health services are found both in rural and urban areas. But private health services are concentrated in urban areas.

iv. We often find huge rush at the government hospitals. People have to wait for hours in a long queue. But private hospitals are maintained properly. People don't face such long queues there.

2. Costa Rica is a country in North America. It is considered to be one of the healthiest countries in the continent. The Costa Rican govt, gave much importance to the health of its citizens. It took an important decision and decided not to have an army. In this way it saved money and began to spend this money on health, education and other basic needs of the people. The Costa Rican government believes that a country has to be healthy for its development and pays a sincere attention to the health of its people. The Costa Rican government provides all the basic services and amenities to all the people of the country. It provides clean drinking water, sanitation, nutrition and housing. Health education has been made an important part of the education and at all levels students are provided knowledge about health. The Costa Rican approach towards health is praiseworthy and inspiring.

3. The Kerala government made some major changes in the state in 1996. It gave 40% of the entire state budget to panchayats so that they could plan and provide for their requirements. This made it possible for a village to make sure that proper planning was done for water, food, women's development and education. In this way water supply schemes were checked, the working of schools and anganwadis was ensured and specific problems of the village were taken up. Health centres were also improved.

In spite of all these efforts, some problems such as shortage of medicines, insufficient hospital beds, not enough doctors still exist and these are needed to be solved.

4. The court said that the difficulty that Hakim Sheik had to face could have cost him his life. If a hospital cannot provide timely medical treatment to a person, it means that the protection of life is not being given. The court also said that it was the duty of the government to provide the necessary health services, including treatment in emergency situations. Hospitals and medical staff must fulfil their duty of providing essential treatment. As various government hospitals refused to admit him, the State Government was asked to give Hakim Sheik the money that he had spent on his treatment.

5. We can say without any doubt that adequate healthcare is not available to all in our country. The reason is that private services are increasing but public services are not. As a result private services are mainly available to people. But these services are concentrated in urban areas and are very expensive. Poor people hardly afford them whenever there is illness in the family, they either borrow money or sell some of their possessions to pay for the expenses. Thus, medical expenses cause great hardship for the poor. Therefore, they avoid to go to a

doctor unless it is very urgent. It has been found that women are not taken to a doctor in a prompt manner. Their health concerns are easily ignored. Many tribal areas have few health centres and they do not run properly.



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